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SHELL-EBRATION

NYE OYSTER DROP DRAWS THOUSANDS TO OLD TOWN BSL



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CHEE-WEEZ | SEA COAST ECHO
The annual New Year's Eve oyster drop in downtown Bay St. Louis drew a record crowd again this year.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAAGER

The 4th annual New Year's Eve Oyster Drop brought a record number of celebrants to Old Town Bay St. Louis on Sunday night. "I think it was the biggest and best yet," event-founder Jim MacPhaille said. "We killed it. The crowds were huge, it was jam-packed all the way to Court Street. ...

I wouldn't doubt that we had 10,000 people or more."

MacPhaille, a developer who owns multiple businesses and properties in Bay St. Louis, started the event to ring in the New Year for 2020 atop his 200 North Beach Restaurant. He commissioned local artist Steve Barney to create the brightly-lit oyster sculpture, which drops in the 10-second

countdown to the New Year, signaling the start of a massive fireworks display.

This year, MacPhaille commissioned Barney to re-vamp the oyster and brought in the Chee-Weez as the headline act, taking

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COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
The county's elected officials on Tuesday were sworn in and officially began their duties. Circuit Judge Lisa Dodson issued the oaths of office.

TOP TEN

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF 2023

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAAGER

The Sea Coast Echo covered hundreds of stories about life in Hancock County in 2023, many of

them sad, but many of them inspirational.

Rather than recap the sorrows of the past year, we decided to instead celebrate the most inspiring people and events of

the past year as we begin a new one.

The stories below were

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MISSISSIPPI KWEEN MAKES HOLIDAYS A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAAGER

Bay St. Louis-resident Caroline Davis — better known to her 1.6 million-plus TikTok subscribers as "The Mississippi Kween" — put her internet fame to work this holiday season, making a brighter Yuletide for hundreds of Hancock County children.

For the second year in a row, Davis did an Amazon and Walmart wishlist, asking her social media followers to fulfill the holiday wishes of several students at South Hancock Elementary School.

"The school drive brought in enough gifts to serve 292 children from 99 families," Davis said. "Each child got at least five gifts and all special requests from parents were fulfilled! There were also enough gifts to extend help to another elementary school in the area. So all in all it was another successful gift drive!"

Before becoming a social media superstar, Davis spent 15 years in food service management, then

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Today
55°

Low Temperature 45°F
Slight Chance of Rain
Humidity 73%

High Tide
07:57 pm @ 0.95 ft
Low Tide
06:29 am @ 0.23 ft



Jan. 5
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Low Temperature 40°F
70% Chance of Rain
Humidity 81%

High Tide
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Low Tide
06:18 am @ -0.07 ft



Jan. 6
55°

Low Temperature 46°F
84% Chance of Rain
Humidity 86%

High Tide
08:04 pm @ 1.41 ft
Low Tide
06:42 am @ -0.33 ft



Jan. 7
56°

Low Temperature 44°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 74%

High Tide
08:38 pm @ 1.61 ft
Low Tide
07:17 am @ -0.56 ft



Jan. 8
60°

Low Temperature 46°F
No Chance of Rain
Humidity 84%

High Tide
09:20 pm @ 1.77 ft
Low Tide
08:00 am @ -0.72 ft



Jan. 9
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Low Temperature 57°F
86% Chance of Rain
Humidity 96%

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10:06 pm @ 1.9 ft
Low Tide
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Jan. 10
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Homegrown: A WRITER'S EXCHANGE

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

What do a former taxi driver; the son of a Baptist preacher; a New Orleans chef who's started a farm in Pearlinton (MS); a "military brat" and immigrant from Okinawa; one of the few remaining New Orleans' residents of the batture on the Mississippi River (Look it up!); a major Emmy award-winning TV director (Meet the Press) from Washington, D.C.; a grand-daughter whose family confronted the Hungarian Holocaust; another chef who was the food consultant during filming of the movie, *The Help*; an expert on the folklore and cultural history of the song, Li'l Liza Jane; another expert on the Brown Pelican; and a writer who studied under one of the most gifted American authors, Toni Morrison, while at Princeton – all have in common?

The answer is these are partial descriptions – “teasers” – of the backgrounds and circumstances for some of the authors and writers who will be participating in an extraordinary – and free – event to be held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast ... at the Hancock Performing Arts Center in the Kiln on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

HOMEGROWN: A WRITERS' EXCHANGE is returning for its second run after premiering in November 2019, then being put on the shelf while COVID tried to run its course. The full day event that's jam-packed with "live in-person" appearances

by accomplished writers, their books, information for aspiring writers about what it takes to get published, and important “how to’s” on being a writer.

HOMEGROWN will also offer a very special session on "The Art of the Cookbook," featuring four top chefs to be moderated by co-host, Carol Puckett Palmer (with Malcolm White) of the popular Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Think Radio's DEEP SOUTH DINING food program which airs every Monday morning on the MPB radio network.

"We're back, bigger and better than ever!" stated John Brdecka, executive director of the local library system. For its return, the Hancock County Library System has partnered with its neighbor, the Harrison County Library System to produce an event that may be the largest of its kind ever to be presented in Coastal Mississippi. "We've secured more than 20 of the most amazing, talented, and highly acclaimed authors—not just in Mississippi, but from New Orleans, and points beyond," added Brdecka. Six timely 80-minute topical authors panels will be moderated by experts to feature 3 to 4 authors each discussing aspects of their inspiration, writing process, and their recent books. Books will be available for sale during the HOMEGROWN event, and authors will be available for personalized book signings.

"We're excited that HOMEGROWN will become an annual event,"

said Kevin Cole, the PR and marketing lead for the library system, who along with Nel Ducomb of the Kiln library branch are coordinating this year's event. "The Library Foundation of Hancock County has again stepped forward to offer its generous funding support without which this event would not be possible," added Ducomb. Cole acknowledged a recent grant award from the Mississippi Humanities Council in the amount of \$2500 which will be used to help underwrite an IN CONVERSATION session live on-stage with MPB-TV's popular host, Marshal Ramsey ("Mississippi Stories" program) and acclaimed fiction author Michael Farris Smith. Smith recently appeared in a spotlighted solo session at the Mississippi Book Festival in Jackson where he discussed his most recent book, *Salvage This World*, and two others which have been made into Hollywood feature films. Smith is unique in that he has been able to retain the rights to convert his novels into screenplays, thus ensuring the literary integrity of his works. Mel Gibson starred in one of Smith's movie versions, *DESPERATION ROAD: HOME-GROWN: A WRITER'S EXCHANGE* is free and open to the public with registration available online through the EVENTbrite ticketing service. An optional box lunch is available for persons wishing to stay for the entire day's programming. Attendance



PHOTO COURTESY OF HCLS

Experience an IN CONVERSATION interview live on-stage with Mississippi Public Broadcasting host & celebrity, MARSHALL RAMSEY (Mississippi Stories) as he connects with the acclaimed, Mississippi based author MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH (Salvage This World; Desperation Road; and, The Fighter). Two of Michael's recent books have been made into films - one starring Mel Gibson.

for the event is expected to top 500 people -- with attendance from 100 area college and university students, and area high school seniors and juniors. A series of special creative writing sessions for young adults will be available for the YA audience. Volunteer opportunities to assist during the event are also available. Interested persons should contact the BSL library at tel. 228-467-5282.

In addition to Brdecka, Cole, Ducomb, and Leah Holmes, branch manager, of the Bay St. Louis Library – all from the Hancock County Library System, the other members who make up the HOMETOWN Steering Committee include Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, executive director, Harrison County Library System;

Dr. Vickie Feazelle, head of curriculum for the Hancock Coun-

ty Schools; Catherine Tibbs, manager, Hancock PAC; Robin De-deaux, Hancock Schools librarian; Scott Naugle, owner of Pass Christian Bookstore / Cat Island Coffee; popular MS author Johnnie Bernhard; and Wendy Allard, Pass Christian Library.

“We are fortunate to have such a great group of individuals who’ve ‘grabbed the bull by the horns’ and helped provide the leadership and brainpower to put this exciting and unique day-long program together,” stated John Brdecka. “Sometimes the library system is about books, and this time it’s about writing and authors as well!”

Another feature of the day's program includes special "by appointment only" Pitch Sessions with literary representatives from regional publishing companies. At press time, the Univer-

sity Press of Mississippi (Jackson), the Texas Review Press (Houston), and Pelican Press (New Orleans) were confirmed. This is an opportunity for unpublished and/or emerging writers, or persons who have an idea or manuscript (finished or in process) to meet with a representative about possible publishing opportunities, and to receive professional feedback on their work. An RSVP is required, which can be made online through the HOMEgrown website [<https://hcls.info/homegrown>] or by contacting the HCLS.

Authors slated to participate include: MEMOIRS PANEL – Pass Christian's Margaret McMullan (book, *Where Angels Lived*); Oxford's Lee Durkee (*Stalking*);

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The Pirates of the Bay announce their 2024 Captain, Lady, and Honor Guard



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From left, Theresa & Randy Banks, Lisa & Joe Ledet, 1st Mate-Ned Comer, Lady Claiborne IV-Brenda Comer, Captain Longbeard IV-Chuck Lizana, 1st Mate-Noel Lizana, Michelle & Joe Polizzi, and Suzannne & Adrien Bertoniere.

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As another year of mayhem and memories came to an end, the announcement of the 2024 Honor Guard brought lots of holiday cheer to the members of Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse at last week’s monthly meeting.

The 2023 Honor Guard will turn over their swords to the new crew at the “Mutiny in the Bay” Pirate Party, as they are introduced to the Bay St. Louis resident and visitor attendees. The new crew will assume the helm and there’s sure to be some shenanigans and swashbuckling at the Pirate Party being held on Saturday January 27, 2024 at the Bay St. Louis Community Center from 7pm -11pm. The 2024 theme for the party and in-

coming honor guard is “HOLD THE LINE”. Me hearties will be looking for guests to dance, make merriment, and enjoy the pirate buffet or walk the plank. The party is a adult community event, all are welcome, and tickets can be purchased on the MKOTSH website, MKOTSH.COM, in advance for \$40 and at the door for \$45. Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse members wish to express their deepest gratitude to the sponsors of our December meeting. Arrgh! A huge thanks goes out to Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast management and staff for their hospitality and on-going community support of our efforts to encourage economic development and support various organizations in the community through our fundraising events.

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the Silver Slipper stage after Andree and the Giants.

“We couldn’t do it without the sponsors,” MacPhaille said.

MacPhaille said this year’s event had more sponsors than ever, including King Waste, the Silver Slipper Casino, Hancock Whitney Bank, Tito’s Vodka, Mississippi Power, Eagan Insurance, Mitchell Distributing, McDonald Realty and The Blind Tiger.

“Of course, (Councilman) Josh DeSalvo does the fireworks with King Waste, and Mayor Mike Favre has always been a partner in this, along with the council, in getting the streets closed off and the police presence so everything remains safe,” MacPhaille said.

VFW Post 2880 announces Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Jillian H. Strong of Hancock County High School was presented the VFW Post 2880 National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for 2023-2024 at the annual VFW Christmas Banquet on 6 December 2023. Her selection will now go to VFW District One which covers Hancock, Harrison, George and Jackson counties. District winners advance to State level and from there to VFW Na-

tional Headquarters level. Winners at all levels receive cash awards and commemorative plaques and all-expense paid trips to the National Convention for state winners. She received a \$500.00 reward and a VFW Certificate of Achievement from VFW Post 2880. Jill is a Biology Teacher at Hancock County High School and William Carey University. Her objective is to apply her education and experience in microbiology classes and labo-

ratories to build a career emphasizing continuous professional, technical, and technological advancement. Her peers at Hancock High unanimously voted her Teacher of The Year. Jill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology Biology and a Master of Science degree in Biology from Mississippi State University. Her and husband Bruce along with their three children Josephine, Elijah, and Oliver reside in Kiln, MS.



Photo submitted
VFW Post 2880 Public Affairs Officer Don Ball presented the Teacher of The Year to Jill Strong

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BAY ST. LOUIS LITTLE THEATRE OPENS

“That Championship Season”



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Cast members from left,, Miguel Davalos, Willard Walker, Chris Flynn, Paul Bernard, Jan Vest.

Coastal

Environmental

donates bikes



PHOTO BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
Coastal Environmental Services helped the Hancock Resource Center and Hope Haven make Christmas come early for dozens of Hancock County-area children, dropping off two truckloads of brand new bicycles. “We partnered with the municipalities in Hancock County and the mayors in identifying the children who received these bicycles,” Coastal Environmental Executive General Manager Jack Francioni said. “It’s part of our effort to be involved in the community. It’s a pleasure for us to be able to do this and make a better Christmas for some of the children here in Hancock County.”

Rock ‘N’ Roux

Gumbo Cook-Off

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The 100 Men Hall will host its first Annual Gumbo Cook-Off, Rock ‘N’ Roux, which is sure to become the MOST FUN fundraiser in Hancock County! Rock ‘N’ Roux will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 11:30 to 4PM, on the grounds. Rock ‘N’ Roux is sponsored by Mississippi Power with additional sponsorship by MS Coast National Heritage Area.

Judges:

Bertha Parker, Big Bertha’s Kitchen and Catering, BSL, MS

Blake Haney, Dirty Coast, Bayou Brands, NO, LA

Nicole Caridad Ralston, Eaten Path NOLA, NO, LA

Rodney Beales, Big Boyz BBQ, NO, LA

The event includes amazing live music featuring the Tyron Benoit Band and starring The Monsters at Large on the Tin Shed Porch.

Tyron Benoit hails from Houma, LA where music and culture are plentiful. The singer, songwriter, and multi-in-

strumentalist Tyron Benoit’s debut album is without doubt the best swamp-rock album ever to open with a Cure cover. His version of “Just Like Heaven” is surprisingly faithful—even with his accordion taking the familiar guitar and keyboard licks. Overall, Benoit (brother of Tab) works the territory of vintage Zachary Richard or Wayne Toups: hard-driving, arena-ready rock that keeps the Louisiana elements up front and the accordion high in the mix.

The coast’s top musicians come together to form The Monsters at Large. The band originally grew from a group of musicians who were members of The Dock of the Bay Music Company. They were assembled by David “Snake” Hooker to play for one of his legendary birthday parties. The Monsters At Large harness the musical talent of some of the Gulf Coast’s best - Tommy Moran on guitar, Sam Brady on keyboards, Chuck Lofton on vocals,

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will open its latest production “That Championship Season” on January 19th. The show is a reprisal and making a return on the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre stage because of community requests. The play is written by Jason Miller who is best known as the young priest in the movie “The Exorcist.”

The show won the Tony Award for Best Play, the New York Drama Critic’s Award, and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The story is about the annual custom of five men - a high school basketball coach, now retired, and four team members that he led to the state championship forty years earlier - meet for a reunion on the anniversary of the championship victory. None of the men’s lives have turned out as they had hoped, and all still look to their coach for guidance. “...a straight-from-the-shoulder knockout...brimming with vitality,” -The New York Daily News. “Wow! Here at last is the perfect Broadway play for the season...It is gorgeous and triumphant.”

-The New York Times.

Clayton Pennylegion, the assistant director, stated “The play is a theatrical experience, character-driven and sledgehammer dialogue. A theater-goer’s delight.”

The play is recommended for mature audiences. Adult topics are contained in the play.

The cast includes Chris Flynn, Paul Bernard, Willard Walker, Jan Vest, and Miguel Davalos. The play is directed by Cheryl Grace with assistant director Clayton Pennylegion. The production crew includes Allison Hestand James Perkins.

The show dates and times are January 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 8pm. Sunday matinees are at 2pm on January 21 and 28. Theatre doors open one hour before the show and seating starts 30 minutes before the show. The Theatre is open seating. All attendees should make reservations. Please let the Theatre know if handicap accommodations are required. Reservations can be made online at www.bsllt.org or by calling the Little Theatre at 228-467-9024.

Diamondhead VFW Post

2880 Honors Patriot Pen

Essay Contest Winners



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriot’s Pen winners for 2023-2024 were honored at the annual Post Christmas dinner at the club at Diamondhead. Patriot’s Pen is a VFW sponsored youth essay competition giving middle school students an opportunity to write essays expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is “How are you inspired by America.” VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock Middle school. The winning students are awarded certificates of achievement, medals and a cash prize. Pictured left to right are Post 2880 Commander Dr. Arlen “Ken” Griffey, Silver medal winner Claire Elliot, gold medal winner Anna Hopkins, Bronze Medal winner Leonie Allen, and Post 2880 Jr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby.

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Opinion

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THE Duke

On Dec. 16, the anniversary of my sweet cat Lulu’s passing, I happened to stop in at the Petsense store in Diamondhead to pick up a few things for my cats.

Prior to that day, I had three cats: Jazzy, Milesy-Poo, and Schabooty.

The first two are senior cats and have no time for the much younger Schabooty’s antics. So, there has been thought given to finding a younger cat to play with him.

Unbeknownst to me, there was a little kitten waiting for me that day.

When I passed by the cages filled with kittens for adoption, he reached out to me with his paw and started meowing at me. Of course, I stopped to talk to him for a few minutes, as one does.

After I made my purchase, I went back to my parents’ house, but couldn’t stop thinking about the adorable little black and white kitten. So, after much thought, on my way out of Diamondhead, I stopped back at Petsense to inquire about the adoption process. Turns out, it was quite easy.

After learning more about the kitten, I knew he would be a perfect playmate for Schabooty. Also, I wasn’t even thinking about it being the day that my sweet Lulu passed away either, but it was like she sent him just for me.

So that night, Duke joined the family.

For the first couple of days, we kept him in another room away from the other cats. Also, Schabooty was approaching near-stalker levels when we let him sniff around Duke for a bit. He was most excited about the new arrival.

After a couple nights of hiding under the bed, Duke finally began to warm up to his new surroundings.

He is MOST playful and zooms around everywhere. He cries when his mama leaves the room and LOVES to eat.

Since he has been let out in the general population, he has given Schabooty a run for his money. They chase each other for hours and poor Schabooty can barely keep up. My senior cats are tolerating the new kitten, although I feel they are kind of ticked off about another new kitten in the mix.

Duke is great at snuggling, especially at night. He loves to bring his toys to bed and enjoys watching Dateline with me.



STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Beauvoir

An architectural treasure in Biloxi that has survived multiple hurricanes in its long history is the Beauvoir mansion, a must-see tourist attraction and important artifact of Mississippi cultural heritage. The house was built by a cotton planter from Madison County, just north of Jackson, by the name of James Brown. The land was bought from a local real estate developer, John Henderson. The east side of the Bay of St. Louis, called Henderson Point, is named after this John Henderson. Brown completed the project in 1852.

Brown was influenced by the style of grand houses in New Orleans, but added a Caribbean gallery to the edifice. Brown was his own architect and construction superintendent and he

employed artisans from New Orleans and Biloxi. The building is a large Louisiana-raised cottage with a wrap-around gallery. The house is raised on sixty-two eight-foot-tall brick piers. The roof has a high peak and a steep slope. Brown used local cypress and long-leaf heart pine processed in a local saw mill. Slate was imported from Wales for the roof. He called his property “Orange Grove” because of abundant groves of Satsuma oranges growing on the property.

In the antebellum South, cotton and slave-trading were immensely profitable sectors of the economy. Brown had a plantation in Madison County and could ship his cotton down the Pearl River or transport the crop west to the Mississippi Riv-

er. Much of the banking and finance in those days was transacted in New Orleans. Brown was no stranger to the lovely mansions in the Garden District in Uptown New Orleans. Similar houses are maintained there. Yet, it was on the Gulf Coast where the rich planters of rural Mississippi or the merchants of New Orleans could escape the tedium of their home town existence. Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian were favorite villages for such vacation houses for two hundred years. These planters could afford luxury and spared no expense to live in grand style which was certainly a status symbol. This behavior is practiced today all along the Gulf Coast.

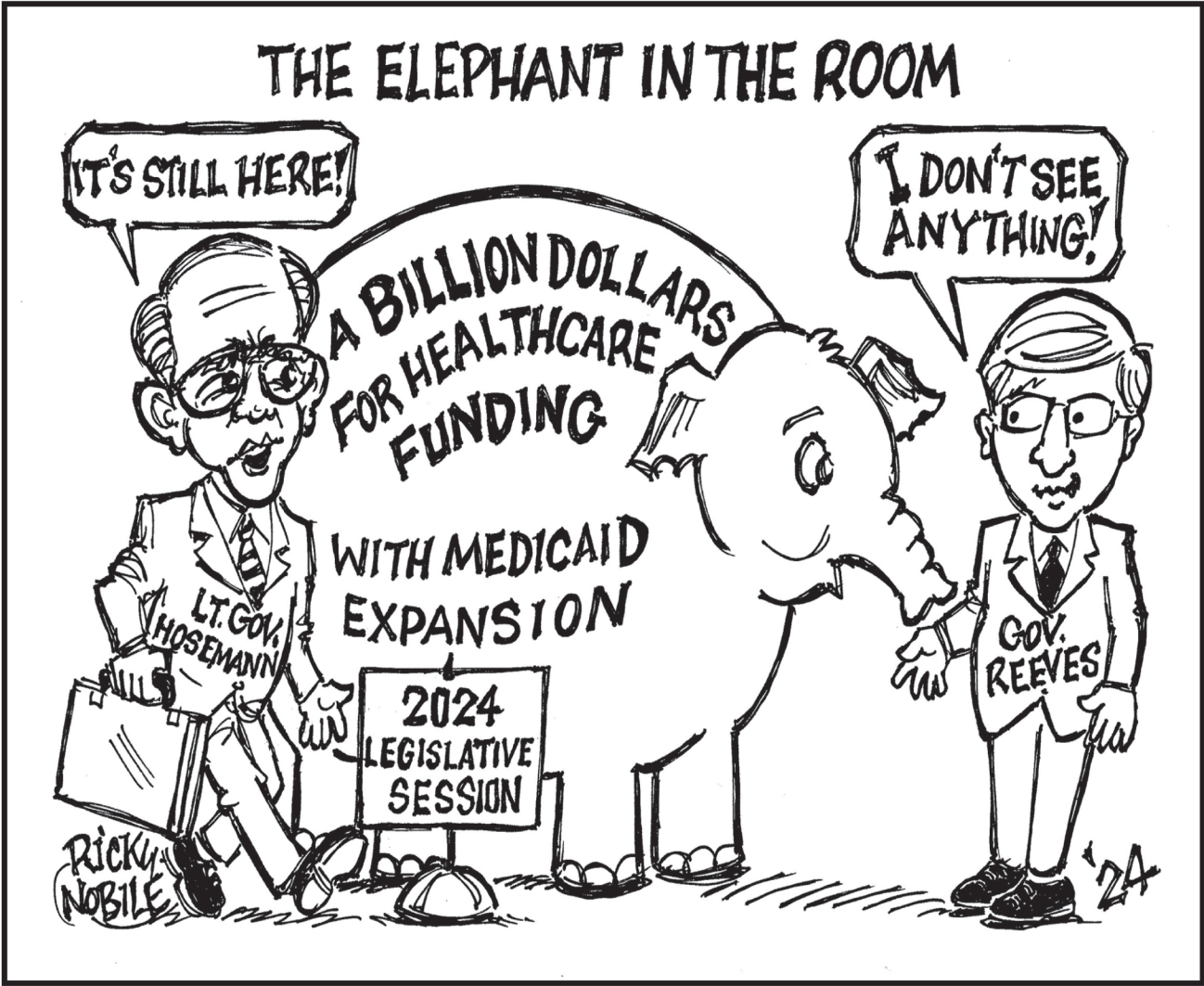
It was the interior embellishments that provided match-less taste in the



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

grand style of the period. The central reception hall and front and back parlors featured ceilings with rounded corners to the crown molding and hand-painted frescoed walls. Each room was kept warm with a fireplace made with imported marble and doors

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Conservation Corner: Wild, Sustainable Food

Many sportsmen have wondered, “Why do people not understand that hunters and anglers help to maintain a sustainable food source while also helping the environment and ensuring a food source for generations to come?”

Unfortunately, hunters, and sometimes anglers, are usually painted in an unfavorable light by people who do not understand what being a true sportsman really means. Hunters are projected to be cold-hearted killers that kill for the fun of it. While it is true that some hunters hunt for the thrill and choose to ignore laws and regulations, a true hunter is a sportsman with a purpose.

Many people today throw around the word “sustainable,” without realizing that that’s how it was in the old days. Sustainability wasn’t a fad—it was a way of life. People raised cows, chickens, and hogs, and grew corn and a few other grains and had gar-

dens approaching an acre in size. And it wasn’t because they wanted to; it was because they had to.

Everyone that bemoans hunting and fishing should seriously think about their arguments against it. If laws were passed to prohibit what is now the legal taking of wild game, then animal populations would explode—which wouldn’t lead to more freedom for animals and humans alike but rather to the starvation of these animals. Starvation would occur because there would not be enough food to go around, leaving the animals more susceptible to parasites and diseases. Obviously, these animals would suffer from malnutrition and eventually, death.

Thanks to the many reports and books that have been written on the subject of altered food sources, many people that were once against hunting are now re-thinking their positions. As scientists work

to “enhance” our foods, they actually change its nutritional value. For instance, studies have shown that the antibiotics and steroids used to make foods bigger and better have an impact on our overall health.

As author Michael Pollan noted, “How did humans manage to choose foods and stay healthy before there were nutrition experts and food pyramids or breakfast cereals promising to improve your child’s focus or restaurant portions bigger than your head?”

While the ultimate benefit of hunting and fishing is the reward of natural, healthy food that is put on our table, there is more to hunting than just eating. Ask any hunter or angler about their adventures and you will be in for a treat. Hunting is an adventure shared with friends and family; whether it is restoring and enhancing habitat, planting a food plot, scouting the perfect field, gathering the necessary tools, complain-



GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES CUMMINS

ing about the weather, sharing in the excitement of the hunt, or sitting down with family and friends to enjoy a crackling fire in the fireplace while eating fresh grilled duck, hunting is a bonding experience that all should be so lucky to share in.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from December 26 to January 2 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Sabu Watson, 49, trespassing
Rebecca L. Ellis, 45, DUI 1st offense
Chad D. Fricke, 52, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
Preston L. John, 33, controlled substance or counterfeit substance violations
Steven D. Nopper, 46, drunkenness/profanity in public place; contempt failure to appear; disorderly conduct; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest
Andre J. Barbazon Sr., 30, contempt of court

failure to appear x 2
Julia Scott, 28, probation violation
Dion L. Treadway, 56, felony possession of controlled substance x 2
Corey J. Juneau, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Aaron J. Durant, 45, contempt failure to appear; probation violation
Jimmy A. Mero, 34, DUI
Hamza Jematte, 30, simple domestic violence simple assault
Jennifer L. Craft, 38, possession of paraphernalia
Terry McCullum, 41, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; contempt failure to appear

Darron J. Williams, 25, hold for other agency
Nicole P. Brown, 44, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Raymond J. McKenna, 49, domestic violence simple assault
Jason P. Franco, 43, DUI 1st offense
Robert D. McCormick, 43, vehicle improper lighting equipment; no proof of liability insurance; tag, switched; possession of paraphernalia; contempt of court failure to appear
Ciarah I. Carter, 23, DUI 1st offense
Chad A. Ladner, 41, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Shawn M. Wortmann, 40, driving with suspended or revoked license; reckless driving; no proof of liability insurance

Antoine K. Torregano, 39, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Beatrice A. Flair, 68, DUI 1st offense
Shane A. Rice, 27, felony possession of controlled substance
Megan E. Smith, 33, DUI 1st offense
Ronald E. Hooper, 73, DUI causing serious injury
Kory J. Kamke, 53, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Daniel B. Hartley, 21, disorderly conduct; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle; traffic violations and general motor vehicle violations title 63
Lisa M. Redfern, 43, contempt failure to appear



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Port Bienville Receives \$450,000 Site Development Grant

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Lsat week, Governor Tate Reeves’s office announced the state of Mississippi is investing \$450,000 in a site development grant to Port Bienville and Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission (HCPHC). This site development grant will advance the development requirements for Site #1 at Port Bienville.

“Site 1 at Port Bienville consisting of 475 acres

continues to serve as a premier site for potential industrial development in South Mississippi. Current investments to expand rail and water capacity strengthen our position for new industry and this grant will help us identify needs with our wastewater infrastructure for new industry and perform necessary design

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MDMR Marine Information Calendars available coastwide

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources’ 2024 Marine Information Calendars are now available at locations along the Coast.

The agency held a photo contest earlier this year, and those chosen are featured each month and on the cover, as well as on collage pages in the calendar.

The winners of the photo contest are: Cover, Joan McCool; January, Linda Souhrada; February, Amanda Phillips; March, Gail Jakubiak; April, Tim Lawton; May, Courtney Walker; June, Jeff Baldock; July, Capt. Sonny Schindler; August, Bob Effinger; September, Robert Skrmetta; October, Gina Eger; November, Gary Crossland; December, Sylvia Anderson.

This year’s calendar features the offices and programs that MDMR

administers to protect those coastal resources. The free calendar also contains such information as tide data, sunrise and sunset times, moon phases, artificial reef coordinates, size and possession limits for fish, boating safety requirements and Mississippi saltwater fish records.

The calendars will be available at the following locations while supplies last. Calendars will also be available at Coast bait shops.

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- The Sea Coast Echo, 835 Hwy 90 Suite #8, 228-467-5473
- Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 300 S. 2nd St., 228-467-9048

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- Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105
- Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave., 228-374-

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- Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center, 1815 Popp’s Ferry Rd., 228-388-4710
- Hope Community Credit Union, 188 Porter Ave., 228-374-1554

GULFPORT:

- Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, 12364 Hwy. 49, 228-539-7029
- WXXV Fox 25, 14351 Hwy. 49, 228-832-2525
- Gulfport City Hall, 2309 15th St. 228-868-5700

LONG BEACH:

- Long Beach City Hall, 201 Jeff Davis Ave., 228-863-1556

PASS CHRISTIAN:

- Pass Christian Water Department, 200 West Scenic Dr. 228-452-3311

• DUKE

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One of my favorite things about Duke is that he makes the same noises that my Lulu did. When I first heard it, it brought such tears and a flood of memories. Lulu was also my shadow and always kept trying to trip me up by rubbing up all over my legs all the time. Duke

does the same thing. It’s almost like he is Lulu reincarnated.

I feel like my little family is complete now. Duke is a great addition and I’m so happy I needed some items at the Petsense that day. It’s funny how things work out.

Duke has brought some much needed joy to my life, even though taking care of four cats is quite the task, but nothing I can’t handle.

However, there were several more cats available for adoption, and I’m

sure the local shelter has plenty of animals looking for good homes if anyone is looking for a new family member.

Pet adoption is truly one of the most rewarding things. I only hope that I can be deserving of all this love that my animals give to me.

Cassandra is a staff writer at the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

• HISTORY

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sported with edged glass. The original kitchen was a separate building behind the main house, connected by a covered walkway for fire prevention, a not infrequent problem in those days. There are tours of the house every day where history buffs may acquaint themselves to the

lifestyles of the rich and famous. Beauvoir is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the United Sons of the Confederate Veterans and is a Mississippi Historic Landmark registered with the US Register of Historic Places.

James Brown died in 1866 and the house was purchased by Sarah Ann Ellis Dorsey. She was the daughter of a wealthy Natchez cotton planter. Sarah was also a child-

hood friend of Jefferson Davis’ second wife, Varina Howell. Sarah took up residence in the house and renamed it “Beauvoir” signifying its “beautiful view.” Jefferson Davis rented a cottage from Sarah that was near the main house from 1877 to 1879. He purchased the entire property from Sarah in 1879 for \$5,500. Davis died in 1889 and Beauvoir has been beloved in Mississippi as the Mount Ver-

non of the Confederacy ever since.

Since then, the property was used as a Confederate home, a hospital for Confederate veterans, a Confederate cemetery, a museum, and a Presential Library. Hurricane Katrina in 2005 did much damage to the mansion, but a magnificent restoration project that cost \$25M restored Beauvoir to its original elegance and grace.

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Obituaries

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• Anthony J. “Beany” Beverung

• John Abner Rhode III

• Troy Horace Rutledge

Anthony J. “Beany” Beverung

Anthony J. “Beany” Beverung, 80, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 24, 2023.

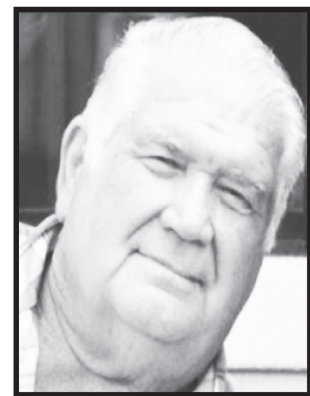
Anthony was born in New Orleans, LA and grew up in Chalmette. He attended Chalmette High School and became a talented football player and was named Mr. Chalmette. He also attended LSU. He went on to own and operate Beany’s A/C & Heat for over 40 years. Anthony had an amazing memory, never forgetting a face or name. He was NEVER too old to learn more about his trade, always taking the latest classes on air-conditioning.

He was a wonderful and loving husband, fa-

ther, grandfather, and great-grandfather who will be truly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Warren Sr. and Carmelite Beverung and sister, Adrienne Miller.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Charmaine Beverung of Bay St. Louis; daughter, Sherry B. Foucha (Chris) of Diamondhead; granddaughter, Ashley F. Everett of Diamondhead; great-granddaughter, Jolie Everett of Diamondhead; brother, Warren Beverung, Jr. (Lydia) of Cary, NC; step-children, Artie Kremenz (Amanda), Kelly K. Winders, and Kevin Kremenz; six grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren and six nieces and nephews, Joseph R. Miller “Hammerhead”, Jamie H. Dominick (John),



Chip Beverung (Rachel), Brandy Beverung, Christopher Seibel, and Michael Seibel.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Anthony J. “Beany” Beverung.

Troy Horace Rutledge

Troy Horace Rutledge of Bay St Louis passed away December 24, 2023. At the time of his death and for 8 years prior he lived at the home of his daughter Barbara (Bobbie) in Dallas, Texas. Troy was born in Nola, Mississippi, a small town near Brookhaven, on December 19, 1923 to Thomas and Mary (Ulmer) Rutledge. He was the youngest of 7 children to Tom and Mary and was beloved by all of his nieces and nephews. They fondly referred to him as Uncle Joe and stayed in touch with him throughout his entire life.

Troy was a World War II veteran, in which he served as a bomber machine gunner in the Army Air Corps. Troy was extremely proud of his military service and loved to wear shirts and hats that spoke of his time in WW2. If he was wearing one of his WWII veteran T-shirts out in public, people liked to come up and thank him for his service, to which he would invariably reply “I was just doing my duty.”

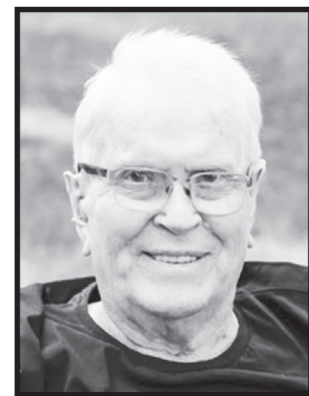
Troy attended Mississippi State University on the GI Bill, graduating in 1949. He spent most of his working life, until retirement, as the plant engineer for Tennes-

see Gas in Mississippi. He met and married his wife Frances (Gaulden) in 1949 and they were blessed with three children, Barbara in 1952, Terry in 1956 and Donald in 1958. They eventually made their forever home in Bay Saint Louis in 1967. In 2005, Troy, Frances and Don rode out Hurricane Katrina in their Bay St. Louis home. Troy, ever the handyman, did the majority of work on rebuilding his home, allowing he and Frances to live in Bay St. Louis until Frances’ death in 2015.

Troy was a kind and generous man and a long time deacon of the First Baptist Church. He was quietly introverted, and yet humorous and popular with all who knew him. Troy enjoyed hunting and fishing as a young man, and always had a plentiful garden in his backyard as an adult. He was known in the family to make wonderful seafood gumbo, boiled peanuts and fresh homemade peach ice cream.

Troy leaves this world with the deep love and respect of his entire family, whom he served energetically, faithfully, and wisely his entire life. As the world was a better place with him, so shall be heaven.

Troy is preceded in death by his parents, all seven siblings (TJ, Tracy, Inez, Shirley, Sarah



and Tessie Bell) and his wife Frances. Survivors include: daughter Barbara Dacus (Farron) of Dallas, Tx., sons Terry Rutledge (Alana) of Bay St. Louis and Donald Rutledge (Scott) of Hammond, La.. Granddaughter Holly Natale (Mark) of Celina, Tx. and grandsons Ben Jones (Shelby) of Frisco, Tx, Daniel Rutledge and Joseph Rutledge of Bay St. Louis. Great grandchildren, Grayson and Scarlett Jones and Knox and Mia Natale.

Funeral services were be held at First Baptist Church in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. Funeral was at 11:00 a.m. Military honors and burial will follow at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay Saint Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Troy Rutledge.

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John Abner “Skip” Rhode III

John Abner Rhode “Skip” was born on May 16th, 1978 in Bay St. Louis, MS. He passed Thursday, December 21st, 2023 at his home.

He was a tattoo artist for over 25 years. His career started at Eagle’s Claw in Hattiesburg where he apprenticed under his dad, John Boy. He then went to work at Electric Ladyland in New Orleans on Frenchman St. When he left there, he was instrumental in helping establish Downtown Tattoo, which was also on Frenchman in Nola. He ended his career at Integrity tattoo in Biloxi, MS.

He had many passions in life including soccer, skating, biking, collecting, football, dreaming, sketching and his family. He was talented at everything he did in life. He enjoyed challenges. Collecting used scrap parts was a great pastime. He didn’t just collect them but used them to piece together his dream vehicles, bikes and ATVs. He had an eye for the unique

and beautiful. He would up-cycle things that were once “ugly” into works of art. He drew and painted stunning images. He had the natural ability that grew from his career as a permanent ink slinger. The definition of an artist is one who creates art using conscious skill and conceptualized creative ideas. That he was...a true artist.

Skip never met a stranger. He befriended everyone he met. He had a big heart and helped others. He spoke his mind whether you liked it or not. Most of the time it was the truth that some people weren’t courageous enough to think or say themselves. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Skip was the one that was indestructible. He was the one that would always be there if you liked it or not. It’s very hard to know he’s gone. We lost a creative spirit that enjoyed life to the fullest.

Skip is proceeded in death by his father, John A. Rhode II, his grandparents, John A. Rhode, Mabelina Rhode; Louis



J. Breaux III & Jeanette T.; His Uncle Patrick and Aunt Carolyn Rhode.

He is survived by his mother, Charlene Breaux, his children, John Abner Rhode and Jude A. Rhode; Tisha Coker (sister), Joshua A. Rhode (brother), Jeremy A. Rhode (brother), and Jacob A. Rhode; and so many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles as well as cousins.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Krishna Kommineni and his staff for taking the time to help and give him a better quality of life. We want to thank all of his family and friends for showing up and showing love in whatever capacity they can. “One Love”...always and forevera’!

Stennis Space Center Community Transforms Campus Space into Courtyard

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Students, faculty and staff at The University of Southern Mississippi’s (USM) Division of Marine Science located within the Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County came together this year to transform an unused and forgotten section of the campus into a vibrant courtyard for members of the Marine Science community.

The project came together after Kristina Mojica, assistant professor in the School of Ocean Science and Engineering (SOSE), facilitated several student town halls to learn more about students’ needs on campus. Through these discussions, the topic of utilization of student fees was discussed, leading to a student consensus for the creation of a gathering space.

“We sent out a vision board

so that students could contribute their vision for this space,” said Mojica.

The campus provides limited options for constructing additions or making modifications to buildings and space is limited, so the challenge was figuring out how utilize existing space. Nestled in the middle of one of the buildings was an outdoor area with trees and other vegetation. The idea of renovating the area and creating an atrium as a student gathering place moved forward.

From the vision board, Mojica in collaboration with other faculty and staff ordered supplies and equipment. Landscapers were brought in to professionally remove bushes and cut back trees. The area was then pressure washed and ready for USM community to take over the project.

USM faculty, staff and students built new garden beds,

assembled courtyard furniture, and helped move 10,000 pounds of landscape rock. Through this group effort, the atrium was completed in six months.

Luis Altamirano Perez, a Ph.D. student in the Marine Science (Hydrography) program, was involved in a few roles to help complete the atrium and is excited to tell others about its availability.

“Creating spaces where students can hang out is very valuable and very important,” Perez said.

“Many students also used the space to pray during the day.” Perez also said.

Ardian Rizal, a second year Marine Science graduate student, also helped with logistics of the atrium. He’s grateful to have a place to relax in as well as spend time with other classmates, faculty and staff throughout the day.

“When I go to Stennis, I use

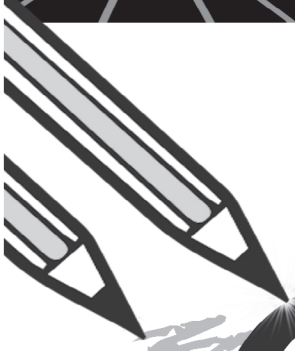
the space to have lunch,” said Rizal.

The atrium had its grand opening Dec. 8, with many attendees on hand to admire its completion and participate in the first planting of the community garden. Which included many edible winter hardy plants and herbs, as well as black and gold decorative flowers.

“It really is a community project,” Mojica said. “It took an unused and forgotten space and turned it into something really beautiful, while bringing together our community.”

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A cartoon monkey wearing a cap and shorts, holding a large letter 'e'. The monkey is smiling and giving a thumbs up. The letter 'e' is large and stylized, with a small 'e' in a circle above it.

word search

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15. Cause to become less intense
16. Genus of tree bugs
17. Body art
18. Romance novelist
20. Be filled with love for
22. City
23. Make vivid
24. Horses
28. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
29. Atomic #18
30. Shortly
31. A type of prejudice
33. Whirls
37. Six
38. Old world, new
39. __ Hess, oil company
41. Talk
42. Not off
43. Begets
44. Cars need them
46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
49. Of I
50. Journalist, activist Wells
51. Takes apart
55. Lists
58. Positively charged electrode
59. Hard, colorless compound
60. Inflammation of the peritoneum
64. Trent Reznor's band
65. Simply dry fruit
66. "Ivanhoe" author
67. Google certification
68. French commune
69. Medieval circuit courts
70. Soviet Socialist Republic

1. Indigenous people of Mexico
2. Dietary supplement
3. Having a particular sheen or luster
4. Views
5. Academic Bill of Rights
6. Automobile
7. When you anticipate arriving
8. Beef or chicken intestine
9. Conspiracy
10. Blood disorder
11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
12. Time zone
13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
19. Upton Sinclair novel
21. What a cow does
24. Cavalry-sword
25. Ancient Greek war galley
26. Stars
27. Rebukes
31. Billion year periods
32. Some are in a bottle
34. Tears down
35. Lethal dose
36. Humorists
40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
41. Frameworks
45. Rocker Billy
47. More thin
48. Dog
52. Habitual repetitions
53. State of fuss
54. Uneasy
56. Chemical compounds
57. More cognizant of reality
59. A place to build
60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
61. Supplement with difficulty
62. Very slick
63. Hill or rocky peak

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2. When did the New Year's Eve Ball first drop in Times Square?
3. What was the most popular New Year's resolution back in 2020?
4. In Scottish traditions, who do you kiss at midnight on New Year's Eve?
5. In Spain, 12 of what type of food is eaten at midnight on New Year's Eve for good luck?

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TRASH

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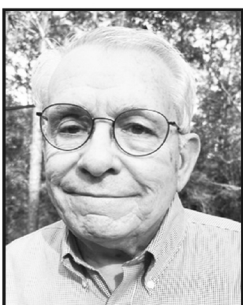
1. Iron and wood
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3. To exercise more
4. Everyone in the r
5. Grapes

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Devotional Page

Justice and Mercy

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

The longest chapter in Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 119. It is an exhaustive treatise containing a mixture of the collective wisdom of the Jewish culture, along with insightful philosophical thought. One of the most

compelling of its many strong statements is found in verse 156. It proclaims: “Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your justice.”

There is grace in this declaration. The word justice, in the modern understanding, usually implies someone getting what they deserve. The Psalmist thinks of it in a different way. He sees justice in the context of the great mercy of God. This notion is at the heart of spiritual truth. To seek justice without the tempering influence of mercy is to miss the point.

Every person is subject to the temptations and inclinations of actions and attitudes

which are less than noble. In other words, we all make mistakes. We all sin. It is popular to try to place sins in categories of seriousness. This may even be appropriate in a secular or legal context, but in the arena of the spiritual it simply does not compute. We do sometimes find ourselves engaged with others in ways that are born of our fallible instincts. When this is the case, it is important to examine the spiritual implications of our encounters. When mercy is placed at the heart of our understanding of justice, the result is hope and healing rather than retribution.

We live in a time which is

often filled with confrontation. It is common for people to see the world in very different ways. This is normal. Personalities are diverse. Circumstances are often changing. Challenges may come which call for innovation and new approaches. In the face of these inevitable realities, hope is usually found when we are guided by guiding principles which are unchanging, even amid changing situations. These principles include love, forgiveness, mercy, positive feelings of goodwill, and more. Judeo-Christian teaching points us to these qualities and most of us affirm them.

Of course, this does not mean that agreement will always be reached, or graciousness will always abound. It does call us to strive to see differing perspectives and look for ways to find common ground amid our differences. This involves talking to each other. Even when we differ, we can do so in light of the wisdom of the Psalmist. We can trust the justice and mercy of spiritual truth. We can give thanks for the good that we do see in others. We will not do this perfectly, for we are human. What we can do is try to move toward it. This is a good way to start the New Year.

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Worship/Study Services are held every Saturday (Sabbath) The Church Family Bible Sabbath School Study begins @ 9:30 AM. The Church Family Worship Hour begins @11:00 AM. A Vegetarian Meal follows the Worship Service. Everyone is Welcome! Prayer Meeting every Thursday currently @ 6:15 PM

APOSTOLIC

The Church of Our Lord Jesus

Kiln- Cutoff Rd.
Waveland
Pastor David Rush
255-1286
Sun. Service 10 a.m.
Wed. night worship 7 p.m

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Faith Assembly of God

Hwy 43 | Kiln 255-2567

First Assembly of God

1912 Arnold St., Waveland
467-7667

BAPTIST

Bayou Talla Fellowship

18555 Hwy 43 Kiln
255-1118

Bayside Baptist

7547 Hancock Dr.
Bayside Park | 467-0500

Emmanuel Baptist

2241 Longfellow Rd. | BSL
467-2186
emmanuelbaptistbsl.org

Catahoula Missionary Baptist Church

22140 Hwy. 43 South,
Hancock Co.

First Baptist

141 Main St. | Bay St. Louis
467-4005

First Baptist of DeLisle

25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd
Pass Christian 255-6550

First Baptist Church

Hanklin & Hancock St.
Pearlington | 533-6030

First Missionary Baptist

Sycamore St. | Bay St. Louis

First Southern Baptist

Pearlington
533-7313

Grace Chapel

9208 Edwin Ladner Rd
Pass Christian 255-3255

Jacob's Well

29554 Vic Faye
Pass Christian 255-2555
Worship Sunday at
9 & 11 a.m. , Sunday School/
Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Kittiwake Baptist Church

1410 East 2nd St.
Pass Christian | 452-4198

Lakeshore Baptist Church

6028 Lakeshore Rd.
Lakeshore | 469-0110

Little Providence Baptist Church

21150 Hwy. 43
S. Catahoula
255-2089
littleprovidence.org
Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.;
morning worship, 10 a.m.

Little Zion Baptist

510 Central Ave. | Waveland

Macedonia Baptist

400 Morris St. | Waveland

Morning Star Baptist

Sycamore & Watts
Bay St. Louis | 466-4849

Mt. Chapel Baptist

721 Herlihy St. | Waveland
466-9829

New Hope Missionary Baptist

Whites Rd. | Pearlington

New Life Baptist Church

6109 Road 312, Kiln
Sunday Services:
Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m.

Worship at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services:

Bible study and prayers at
5:30 p.m.
Pastor Robert Newell - 228-
216-9492.

New Life Missionary Baptist Church

106 Turner St.
Bay St. Louis | 467-6871

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church

5078 Hwy 90 W.
Bay St. Louis
Paul Burdic, pastor
228-344-3109
Worship: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
& 10:30am or 6pm Sunday

The Old Way By Grace Independent Baptist Church

6166 West Kemper Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Pastor Gordon Howard
243-0617

Shoreline Park Baptist

Waveland-Kiln Cut-off Rd.
Bay St. Louis | 467-9461

Victory Baptist

Hwy 603 | Kiln 255-1353

West Bay Community Church

100 Jeff Davis Avenue
Waveland
www.westbaycc.org

CATHOLIC

Annunciation Catholic

Kiln-DeLisle Rd. Kiln
255-1800

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

9062 Kiln Delisle Rd.,
Pass Christian.

Daily mass -- 8 a.m. Monday-Friday; held in the chapel
Eucharistic Adoration --40
hours each week; check the
website for specific hours
Saturday masses — 4 p.m. and
6 p.m.—held in the church •
Sunday masses -- 7:30 a.m.,
9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. •
Adult Formation will be held
on Sundays at 10-11AM be-
fore 11AM mass in the Most
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Parish Center.

Our Lady of the Gulf

228 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis | 467-6509

Sacred Heart Catholic

14595 Vidalia Rd.
Pass Christian | 255-7453 or
255-7560

St. Ann Catholic

Clermont Harbor
Bay St. Louis | 467-5128

St. Clare Catholic

236 S. Beach Blvd., Waveland

St. Joseph Catholic

Hwy 604 Pearlington
467-5128

St. Rose de Lima

301 S. Necaise | Bay St. Louis
467-7347

St. Matthew The Apostle

27074 St. Matthew
Church Rd.
White Cypress, Perkinston
255-7720

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pearlington Christian Church

Corner of Whites Road and
Kellar Pearlington
222-7226
Services:
10a.m. Sun. &
6p.m. Wed

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

The Garden

1807 Waveland Ave.
Waveland, services
Sun., 10:30 | 228-671-0332.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ

501 Pine | Bay St. Louis
467-9645

Church of Christ

17040 Cedar Dr., Pearlington
Minister Darrell Lanford
342-8030

CHURCH OF GOD

Bread of Life

2290 Kiln-DeLisle
Services 11 a.m. Sunday

House of Prayer Church of God

530 St. John St., Bay St. Louis
Services: 11 a.m.
& 6 p.m. on Sun.,
7 p.m. on Wed. | 297-1886

Amazing Love Ministry Center

13296 Vidalia Rd
Pass Christian | 297-2143

EPISCOPAL

Christ Episcopal

912 S. Beach Blvd
Bay St. Louis 467-7757

St. Thomas Episcopal

5303 Diamondhead Cr.
Diamondhead 255-9213

Trinity Episcopal

Church St., Pass Christian

LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Pines

309 Hwy 90, Waveland
467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church

19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

METHODIST

Clermont Harbor United Methodist

Ioor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church

5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann Wil-
liamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
Men's Breakfast, conversation
& devotion • Tuesday: 6 pm
Bible Study

First United Methodist

526 E. Second St.
Pass Christian

Greater Mt. Zion

African Methodist Episcopal
16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

Holmes Chapel United Methodist

Hwy 604 | Pearlington

Main Street United Methodist

162 Main St., Bay St. Louis
467-4538

New Life Methodist Church

A Global Methodist
Community
Pastor Lee Ann Williamson

816-769-2060

Pearlington United Methodist

5210 Levee Ave., Pearlington

St. Mark's African Methodist Episcopal

741 Dufour Road
Waveland | 864-4739

St. Rock United Methodist Church

301 Herlihy Street
Waveland | 466-9185

Valena C. Jones United Methodist

248 Sycamore St.
Bay St. Louis

Waveland United Methodist

Vacation Ln., Waveland
467-8047 | Service: 10 a.m.
Rev. T. Manuel Johnson,
Pastor

MORMON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

McLaurin Ave. Waveland
467-5009

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Bible Fellowship Church

7030 Menge Ave.

Pass Christian
452-0038 | bfc4u.org

Church of the King

Bay St. Louis | 317 Reese St.
Saturday, 5:00
Sunday, 8, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
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student ministry for 6th to
12th grade at 6 p.m.
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Miracle Tabernacle

235 Old Spanish Trail,
Waveland | 467-3924
Pastor Frank Kendrick

Church of the Joshua Generation

27492 West Dubuissou Rd.
Pass Christian

Church Of The Living God Resurrection

1011 Maple Street
Waveland, MS 39576
466-5024

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ

6166 W. Kemper
Bayside Park

Central Bible Church

2002 Hwy 90 W
Bay St. Louis | 467-0529

Power House of Deliverance

1978 Washington
Bay St. Louis | 466-3841

Power of Prayer Praise & Worship Center

9012 Pine Dr. Waveland
467-7314

Revive My People Church

5224 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis

Southern Outreach Ministries

295 Hwy. 90, Suite 11
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship service, 11
a.m.; Bible study, Wed., 7p.m.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God and Christ

456 Easterbrook
Bay St. Louis | 466-4951

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship

1399 Old Spanish Trail
Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church

106 Turner Street
Bay St. Louis
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor Robert Gales
493-9944

PENTECOSTAL

First United Pentecostal

Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
467-3575

Healing Hearts Church

295 Hwy. 90, Suite 12,
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Sun. evening service, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church

4404 Leisure Time Dr.
Diamondhead | 216-4105
Sunday,10 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN

Diamondhead Community Church

Diamondhead Circle
255-5556
Christian Education, 9am
Sunday Worship, 10am
Rev. Jason Edwards
dhcommunitychurch.org

Old Town Presbyterian (USA)
114 Ulman Ave.,
256-443-4100
Sun. service, 10 a.m.,
• Rev. Richard T. Gillespie

Long Beach Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

125 East 2nd Street
Long Beach
Rev. Dr. Dwight Ramsey,
Pastor
228-863-7633
Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Pineville Presbyterian

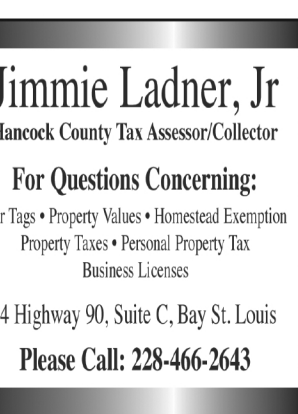
4476 Menge Ave.
Pass Christian | 216-4105
Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.;
Bible study at 10.
Rev. Paul Kendall

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EMPLOYMENT

Operations Manager Job Description

The Arts, Hancock County Operations Manager is a key role in the success of our organization. This manager is responsible for the overall daily operations of the 405 Blaize Avenue building, as well as contributing to the forward planning for growth of the Arts. This full time/35 (+/-) hour per week position is versatile in duties and flexible in hours. Typical working hours are 10am-5pm Tuesday -Saturday with occasional evening and weekend functions.

Qualifications:

- Minimal high school diploma.
- 1-2 years of experience in an office setting.
- Proficient in MS Office and Google Suite and especially databases.
- Experience with social media: Facebook, Instagram, websites, etc.
- Possess an appreciation for the role the arts play in our community.

Skills:

- Effective organizational skills
- Successful time management techniques
- Proficient written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills
- Strong customer service focus
- Ability to prioritize multiple tasks.
- Ability to maintain discretion, confidentiality, and sensitivity.

Major job duties:

- Manage daily operations in the office to include but not limited to keeping facility clean and organized, record keeping, filing, answering calls, sorting daily emails, etc.
- Communicate efficiently with staff, volunteers, board members, artists, and visitors. Follow up on all communications in a timely manner.
- Manage the membership database and organize membership drives.
- With the Marketing Committee, manage all aspects of the Arts (website, email, membership, monthly newsletter, etc.)
- Work closely with social media coordinator.
- Coordinate with volunteers.
- Partner with Program Director on programs and projects.
 - Work with project leads as requested.
 - Scheduling programs, workshops, etc.
 - Set-up space for in-house programs and activities
- Oversee/perform cash management activities, including members paying annual membership dues, whether by cash, check or credit card (via Square)

Other duties:

- Collaborate with Board of Directors as needed.
- Support Advisory Board.
- Other duties as determined by Board.

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LEGALS

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BARBARA RENDER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:23-cv-00541-MA

LOWELL THOMAS ABERCROMBIE, JR., PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 1st day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Barbara Render, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 21st day of December, 2023.

s/LOWELL THOMAS ABERCROMBIE, JR.

PUBLISH: December 21, 2023, December 28, 2023 and January 4, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD ANNUAL UNIT PRICE REPAIR CONTRACT
General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the following Project:
2024 Annual Unit Price Repair Contract
Project Number 16175.08
Bid No. 2024-003
Electronic or Sealed Bids for the Project will be received by the City Clerk at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS, until February 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be addressed to the City of Diamondhead marked "SEALED BID TO BE OPENED AT 11:00 A.M., 1st day, February 2024", and specify the name of the bid item. If a bid is submitted by mail, the address of City of Diamondhead is "5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525. If a bid is hand-delivered, the street address is the same as the mailing address. When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting sealed bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall include a document representing the cover of the envelope containing the aforementioned criteria.

Unit price bids are invited for the furnishing of materials, equipment, labor, and incidentals necessary to effect certain repairs and/or replacement of existing utilities within the City of Diamondhead.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com> (log-in/registration required)

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com>. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly City of Diamondhead, 2024 Annual Unit Price Repair Contract and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com> No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his Name, his Address, and his Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC, Andrew Levens, P.E. 228-396-0486 or email andrew@ccellc.us<mailto:andrew@ccellc.us>. All questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing and must be received by the end of business 5:00 p.m. local time January 24, 2024. Questions submitted after this date will not be considered. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders
Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs. All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety licensed under the laws of the State of Mississippi, in an amount equal to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for "City of

Diamondhead, 2023 Annual Unit Price Repair Contract" shall be submitted with each bid.

The Bidder must indicate his Certificate of Responsibility Number on outside of sealed proposal as required by Mississippi Law. For the purposes of submitting a bid, the Bidder shall possess a current commercial contractor's license from the Mississippi State Board of Contractors. The license shall be in the correct classification of licensure that will allow the prospective bidder to perform the work described in the bid documents.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to consider the following relevant factors in addition to the contract price in determining the lowest and best bid: bidder's skill and business judgment, his experience, and his facilities for carrying out the contract, his previous conduct under other contracts and the quality of previous work, as well as his pecuniary ability, honesty, and integrity. The City also reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Effective July 1, 2010; Per MS Code 31-3-21(3); any bid submitted by a nonresident contractor which does not include the nonresident contractor's current state law pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors, shall be rejected, and not considered for award. If no such law exists in the nonresident contractor's state, then the non-resident contractor shall provide a statement to that effect with his bid. The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 12/28/2023 & 1/4/2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD BAYOU DRIVE DRAINAGE PROJECT

Bid No. 2024-003
General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Bayou Drive Drainage Project
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work:

The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, pipe removal and cast-in-place drainage structures, elevating roadway, roadway restoration, grading and vegetative restoration near intersection of Bayou Drive and Bayou Place. The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner. Obtaining the Bidding Documents
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Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

The project is funded by ARPA and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 12/28/2023 & 1/4/2024

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the February 14, 2019, Ira C Wood and Shawn N Wood, executed a Deed of Trust to First American Title Insurance Co., Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for 1st Alliance Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust February 15, 2019, in Book No. 2019, at Page 3257 thereof; which was

modified on April 26, 2022, in Book No. 2022, at Page 6346

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in October 9, 2023, in Book No. 2023, at Page 21960 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Wilson & Associates, PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in October 23, 2023, in Book No. 2023, at Page 22838 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that Wilson & Associates, PLLC f/k/a Adams & Edens, P.A., Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse, on January 31, 2024, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Four lots of ground by numbers 5, 6, 19 and 20 of Block "G" bounded by Roosevelt Street, Northshore Drive, Taft Street and Polk Street, all as shown on a plat of survey of that subdivision known and designated as BAYOU LACROIX ESTATES by Anslay and Raymond Surveyors, dated March 28, 1957, of record in Plat book No. 2, Page 35, according to which said lots measures as follows: Lots 5 and 6 each 50 feet front on Roosevelt by depth of 110 feet; Lots 19 and 20 measures each 50 feet front on Taft Street by a depth of 110 feet.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in the aforementioned Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 14th day of December, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jillian Wilson,
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

PREPARED BY:
Wilson & Associates, PLLC
400 West Capitol Avenue
Suite 1400
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501)219-9388
File # 357210

PUBLICATION TO BEGIN ON: January 4, 2024
PUBLICATION TO END ON: January 25, 2024

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, Joann Mestayer, executed a Deed of Trust to Preston J. Mauffray, as Trustee for On-Path Federal Credit Union f/k/a ASI Federal Credit Union, as Beneficiary, which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hancock County, MS, in Book 2008 at Page 4401;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2023, OnPath Federal Credit Union substituted James Eldred Renfro as Trustee in the aforementioned deed of trust with this recorded in Book 2023 at Page 25645;

WHEREAS, there being a default in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and entire debt secured having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with its terms, On-Path Federal Credit Union, the holder of the debt has requested the Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property pursuant to its terms in order to raise the sums due, with attorneys and trustees fees, and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Eldred Renfro, Trustee for said Deed of Trust, will on January 12, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.) at the front steps of the Hancock County Courthouse located at 152 Main Street, City of Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hancock County, MS, to-wit:

Lots 3, 4 and 5, AUDREY PLACE SUBDIVISION, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per official plat of said Subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on July 12, 1954, and recorded in Vol. J-8, Pages 586-87, Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee, with no warranties.

WITNESS my signature this 6th day of December, 2023.

JAMES ELDRED RENFROE, Trustee

James Eldred Renfro, 648 Lakeland East Dr., Ste A, Flowood, MS 39232, Phone 601-932-1011

Publish: 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY SPARKMAN TRAVIRCA, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-615-JP

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JUDY SPARKMAN TRAVIRCA

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Judy Sparkman Traverica, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from the first date of publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 15th day of December, A.D., 2023.

s/ CHESTER A. TRAVIRCA III, EXECUTOR

Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574
F: (228) 467-6575

Publish Dates: 12/21/2023; 12/28/2023; 1/4/2024

General Notice
City of Diamondhead (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Kaleki Way Drainage Project
City of Diamondhead
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Diamondhead City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.
The Project includes the following Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, stormwater drainage improvements, pipe removal and replacement, excavation of existing ditches, and excavation of a proposed ditch between Leke Drive and Kaleki Way.
The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner.
Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:

Covington Civil & Environmental
2300 14th Street
Gulfport, MS 39501
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.ccellcplans.us<http://www.ccellcplans.us>
www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com> (log-in/registration required)

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com> or www.ccellcplans.us<http://www.ccellcplans.us>. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. If you have any questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids. Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer.

neer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly Kaleki Way Drainage Project and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com<http://www.diamondheadbids.com> or www.ccellcplans.us<http://www.ccellcplans.us> under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his/her Name, Address, and Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing the proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Covington Civil & Environmental, Andrew Levens, P.E. 228-396-0486 or email andrew@ccellc.us<mailto:andrew@ccellc.us>. All questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing and must be received by the end of business 5:00 p.m. local time January 24, 2024. Questions submitted after this date will not be considered. An acknowledgment received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.
Instructions to Bidders
Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitted electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid. All non-resident requirements shall be met.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.
The project is funded by ARPA and the requirements for this grant including the procurement process shall be followed including opportunity for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods and services.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: City of Diamondhead
By: Jeannie Klein
Title: City Clerk
Date: 12/28/2023 & 1/4/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARGARETTE ST. ANDRE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:23-cv-00511-CB

JAMES H. LECLERE, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 22nd day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Margarette St. Andre, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 4th day of January, 2024.

s/JAMES H. LECLERE

PUBLISH: January 4, 2024, January 11, 2024 and January 18, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS MICHAEL COLLINS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-611-MA

EXECUTRIXS NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THOMAS MICHAEL COLLINS

Letters Testamentary having

been granted on the 13th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Thomas Michael Collins, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from the first date of publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 13th day of December, A.D., 2023.

s/ JESSICA L. BIDDLE, EXECUTRIX

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Publish Dates: 12/21/2023; 12/28/2023; 1/4/2024

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of April, 2007, Myrna O. Waters, an unmarried woman, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto First American Title, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Century 21(R) Mortgage (SM), Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2007 at Page 20702; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of January, 2023, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as beneficiary, as nominee for Century 21(R) Mortgage (SM), assigned said Deed of Trust unto NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 1475; and

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of December, 2023 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 27530; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 31st day of January, 2024, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 25, SPANISH COVE SUBDIVISION, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 27th day of December, 2023.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
(318) 330-9020

adp/F23-0630
PUBLISH: 1-4-2024 / 1-11-2024 / 1-18-2024 / 1-25-2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, MS, until 10:00 a.m., February 5, 2024 and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing the following to Hancock County, for a period of one year, beginning at bid acceptance until December 31, 2024 or until a new bid is accepted.: PEST CONTROL & UNPROCESSED SAND

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from Brittney Johnson of the Hancock County Purchasing Department, 854 Hwy 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 emailing Brittny.Johnson@co.hancock.ms.us or by calling 228-395-1506.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope BID ENCLOSED and listing the bid item and bid opening date.

All envelopes must be date and time stamped and filed in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Office, 854 Hwy 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 before 10 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 18th day of December, 2023.

Scotty Adam, President
Board of Supervisors

Hancock County, Mississippi

By/Valerie Fitts, D.C.
Publish Dates:
January 4, 2024
January 11, 2024

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County, Mississippi Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings at 854-A Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520, on February 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. on the following applications:

(1) The application of David Dreher requesting a zoning change from A-1 to C-1. The property is located in the area of Kiln Delisle, Kapalama, Ed Favre/Kapalama, Vic Faye/County Line, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. The parcels/area proposed to be changed from A-1 to C-1 include: (1) the area beginning at intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, extending north/northeast along the centerline of Kapalama Road to its intersection with Kiln Delisle Road, then extending west/northwest along the center line of Kiln-Delisle Road 350 feet to a point, then extending parallel to Kapalama Road to a point 350 feet northwest from the centerline of the intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, then back to the place of beginning; (2) all parcels immediate adjacent to the north line of Kiln-Delisle Road that exist between the Harrison County line westward to the Rotten Bayou Waterway; and (3) from the area beginning at the intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, extending east to the Harrison County line, then north along that County line to the centerline of Kiln-Delisle Road, then extending west/northwest to the centerline of the intersection of Kiln-Delisle Road and Kapalama Road, then south/southwest along the centerline of Kapalama Road to the place of beginning. A map detail of the proposed area is on file and can be reviewed at the Building and Zoning Department of Hancock County, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520.

(2) The application of Chandler Residential Company for a preliminary plan review for a new 14 lot subdivision (name to be chosen later). The property is located at Ad Valorem Tax Parcel No. 133-0-23-001.000 in the location of Nicola Road at Jourdan Bluff Drive. The property is zoned A-1.

All persons are hereby given notice to attend and take such part as they deem appropriate.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD CHARLES WILLIS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-585-JP

CO-EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JUDY SPARKMAN TRAVIRCA

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 7th day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Richard Charles Willis, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from the first date of publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 15th day of December, A.D., 2023.

s/ WANDA SUE KINSLEY, CO-EXECUTOR

s/ BRUCE EDWIN WILLIS, CO-EXECUTOR

Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
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Publish Dates: 12/21/2023; 12/28/2023; 1/4/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ESTATE OF ROBERT P. SHOAP, DECEASED NO. 23-cv-459 MA

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The heirs at law of ROBERT P. SHOAP, DECEASED, whose present residences and addresses are unknown.
You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by JOHN HARVILLE, Executor, seeking a judicial determination of the heirs-at-law of Robert P. Shoap, Deceased, at 9:00 a.m. on the 8th day of February, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of Stone County, 323 Cavers Avenue, Wiggins, Mississippi 39577, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment may be rendered against you. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 27th

day of December, 2023.

TIM KELLAR
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY:
DEPUTY CLERK
Paul M. Newton, Jr.
Newton Law Firm, PLLC
P. O. Box 910
Gulfport, MS 39502-0910
(228) 863-8827

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STEPHEN MUNN PLAINTIFF VERSUS CAUSE NO. 23-617

DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2014 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 30 BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11 PARCEL NO.: 068J-1-41-240.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2014 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 30 BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11 PARCEL NO.: 068J-1-41-240.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

NOTICE

This is a suit by Stephen Munn to Quiet and Confirm Forfeited Tax Land Patent and for Other Relief as to that certain property legally described as:

30 BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11
Parcel No.: 068J-1-41-240.000
Hancock County, Mississippi

Stephen Munn, obtained his interest in the subject property by virtue of that STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT NO. 92540 dated June 1, 2021, and recorded on June 24, 2021, in Deed Book 2021 at Page 10115 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this real property and/or any personal property contained therein, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiff, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. Skip Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 21st day of December 2023 WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND-ED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi within a reasonable time afterword at 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Tim Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi

ISSUE DATE: 12/14/2023

BY: BRIDGETTE LADNER DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Publish three (3) times: 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

STEPHEN MUNN PLAINTIFF VERSUS CAUSE NO. ____23-616

DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2014 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 29

BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11 PARCEL NO.: 068J-1-41-239.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2014 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 29 BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11 PARCEL NO.: 068J-1-41-239.000 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS

NOTICE

This is a suit by Stephen Munn to Quiet and Confirm Forfeited Tax Land Patent and for Other Relief as to that certain property legally described as:

29 BLK 6 DIAMONDHEAD PH2 UN 11
Parcel No.: 068J-1-41-239.000
Hancock County, Mississippi

Stephen Munn, obtained his interest in the subject property by virtue of that STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT NO. 92633 dated June 1, 2021, and recorded on June 21, 2021, in Deed Book 2021 at Page 9878 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this real property and/or any personal property contained therein, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiff, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. Skip Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 21ST day of December 2023 WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND-ED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi within a reasonable time afterword at 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Tim Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi

ISSUE DATE: 12/14/2023

BY: BRIDGETTE LADNER DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Publish three (3) times: 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023, 1/4/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DIAMONDHEAD, MS

Susan Joyce has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.19) to allow the construction of an accessory structure within 5 of the rear property line.

The property address is 684 Apona Street. The tax parcel number is 131A-0-04-067.000. The property is in a R-2 zoning district. The rear yard setback is 10. The variance requested for the accessory structure is 5. The Case File Number is 202300565.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted for the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at 228-242-1613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DIAMONDHEAD, MS

Susan Muth has filed an appli-

cation requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.19) to allow the construction of a carport within 7 of the side yard property line.

The property address is 10779 Lilinoe Way. The tax parcel number is 067G-1-25-285.000. The property is in a MH zoning district. The side yard setback is 10. The variance requested for the carport is 3. The Case File Number is 202300586. In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at 228-242-1613.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00512-JP THOMAS F. RAMSKI, DECEASED

TIMOTHY E. RAMSKI, PETITIONER

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 1st day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Thomas F. Ramski, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 28th day of December, 2023.

s/TIMOTHY E. RAMSKI

PUBLISH: December 28, 2023, January 4, 2024, January 11, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:23-cv-00512-JP

THOMAS F. RAMSKI, DECEASED

TIMOTHY E. RAMSKI, PETITIONER

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Thomas F. Ramski, deceased whose

place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Timothy E. Ramski, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Thomas F. Ramski, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Thomas F. Ramski.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of February, 2024, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi (1801 23rd Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501), and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 27 day of December, 2023.

Timothy A. Kellar, Hancock County Chancery Clerk
Bridgette Ladner, D.C.

Publication Dates: January 4, 2024, January 11, 2024, and January 18, 2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY JOSEPH MORAN, DECEASED; CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-465-JS

SUMMONS; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF HANCOCK TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TIMOTHY JOSEPH MORAN, DECEASED, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST TO THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY JOSEPH MORAN, WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE BOXES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER A DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY. You have been made a Defendant in a petition/suit filed in this Court by Thomas Moran, Administrator, seeking to establish the heirs at law of Timothy Joseph Moran, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m. on the 7th day of February, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of the First Judicial District of Harrison County, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 27th day of December, 2023.

Hon. Timothy A. Kellar By: Bridgette Ladner, Deputy Clerk (SEAL)
Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, MS Bar #104994
311 E. Second Street Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571; 228-323-3330 Tel.
Dates of Publication:
1) 1/4/2023
2) 1/11/2024
3) 1/18/2024

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TIMOTHY RAY LAWS PETITIONER VS. CAUSE NO.:23-CV-618MA

ALL UNKNOWN STATUTORY WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF RANDALL RAYBURN LAWS, DECEASED

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TO: Any and All Persons Claiming to be a Wrongful Death Beneficiary of Randall Rayburn Laws, Deceased

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by Timothy Ray Laws, seeking a determination of Any and All Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Randall Rayburn Laws, Deceased. Defendant other than you in this action is Timothy Ray Laws, brother of the decedent. You are required to mail or hand-deliver a written response to the Petition filed in this action to Samuel F. Creasey, Esq., whose address is 4450 Old Canton Road, Suite 200, Jackson, Mississippi 39211. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 28th day of DECEMBER, 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of Court.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY

DEPUTY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SAMUEL F. CREASEY (MSB #99555) MORGAN & MORGAN, PLLC 4450 Old Canton Road, Suite 200 Jackson, Mississippi 39211 Telephone: (601) 949-3388 Facsimile: (601) 718-2094 screasey@forthepeople.com Attorney for Petitioner

*Publish three (3) times in the Sea Coast Echo on December 28, 2023, January 4, 2024 and January 11, 2024.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2007, Wilma J. Zink and Lisa Everett executed a deed of trust for the benefit of CitiFinancial Real Estate Services, Inc., which deed of trust was recorded on December 14, 2007, in Book 2007, Page 54100 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR1 by assignment recorded Book 2023, Page 23806 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on November 30,

2023, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023, Page 25682, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR1 has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustees fees and expenses of sale;

THEREFORE, on January 11, 2024, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO-WIT: LOT 33, QUAIL RIDGE ESTATES, PHASE 1, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT OR MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS: LOT 33, QUAIL RIDGE ESTATES, PHASE 1, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. LESS AND EXCEPT ALL THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LISA DAWN EVERETT BY WILMA J ZINK, BY DEED DATED 08/16/2004 AND RECORDED 08/16/2004, IN BOOK 290, PAGE 451. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE TO WIT: LOT 32.

BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED FROM E. E. EDWARDS TO ARTHUR W. ZINK AND WILMA J. ZINK HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY ENTIRETY, DATED 07/16/2004 RECORDED ON 08/16/2004 IN BOOK BB290, PAGE 449 IN HANCOCK COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF MS. THE SAID ARTHUR W. ZINK HAVING DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON OR ABOUT 07/10/2006, THEREBY VESTING FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN WILMA J. ZINK. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of December, 2023 /-s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net File No.: 23-02072MS

PUBLISH: 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DIAMONDHEAD, MS

Word and Robin Johnston have filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.19) to allow the construction of a pool screen enclosure within 10 of the rear property line.

The property address is 7515 Turnberry Drive. The tax parcel number is 067N-1-35-002.000. The property is in a R-1 zoning district. The rear yard setback is 20. The variance requested for the pool enclosure is 10. The Case File Number is 202300543.

In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at 228-242-1613.



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NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Jan. 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

2014 WHITE HONDA ACCORD VIN # 1HGCR2F3XEA086226

12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicle will be sold on Friday, Jan. 19th, 2024 at 10:00AM at the following location:

Dinkey's Auto Repair & Towing
4105 13th Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-305-0711

2022 HYUNDAI SANTA CRUZ VIN# 5NTUBDAE9NH009789

1996 DODGE RAM 1500 VIN# 1B7HC16YXT5626242

2002 GMC SIERRA 1500 VIN# 2GTGK69UX21398189

12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Jan. 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

TOW BIZ LLC
10016 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-493-4210

BLACK 2016 KIA OPTIMA VIN# 5XXGT4L36GG6117805

BROWN 2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING VIN# 1C3LC46K57N610238

GREY 2015 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN# 1N84AL3AP4FC572100

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NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold on Jan. 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. 30 days after the first publication:

Unlimited Towing & Collision Center LLC
16108 Rd 509, PO Box 716
Kiln, MS 39556
(228)-586-5465

2000 DODGE CARAVAN VIN# 2B4GP25G3YR790565

2016 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VIN# 5NPDH4AE3GH726881

2012 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE VIN# 1GNKVGEDXCJ138228

12/28/2023, 01/04/2024

NOTICE

OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles listed below will be sold starting Jan. 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the location below:

MOSS TOWING
12130 Hwy. 603
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

1991 CHEVROLET S10 VIN# 1GCCS14Z0M8105053

2003 HONDA CIVIC VIN# 2HGES16583H541646

2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER VIN# 1GNCDS13W61K102350

2009 FORD FLEX VIN# 2FMDK52C99BA18035

2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN# 2G1WF55K649327894

2004 INFINITI G35 VIN# JNKKCV54EX4M817457

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switched to custodial management. Eventually, she got tired of working for others and started her own business, managing and cleaning Airbnb properties.

She started posting videos on TikTok in November 2020, then did her first cooking video in February 2021 and quickly went “viral.”

Now she’s a huge hit on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

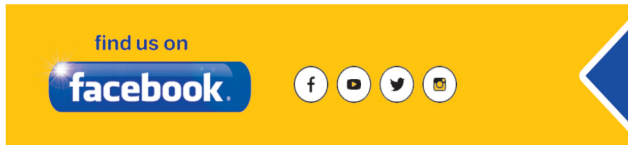
Shortly after she became internet famous, a publisher reached out and she has now written and published three cookbooks.

And she wants to make sure she uses her social media reach to help those who need it the most.

“One thing I’d love to convey is what I live my life by ‘If you have the means to help someone, you should help them,’”

Davis said, “and that comes from a place of once being the one being helped. It made a lasting impression on me and I’ll always lend a helping hand and hope everyone else does too!”

For more on the Mississippi Kween, you can check her out on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook or YouTube, or go to her website, www.mississippikween.com.



PET HAVEN
VETERINARY HOSPITAL
228.467.3910 | 2016 Benigno Lane | Bay St. Louis, MS
(off Drinkwater behind Wendy's)
Charles West, DVM • Matthew Moore, DVM
Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-6pm | Fri. 7:30am-1pm

ANIMAL HOSPITAL
OF DIAMONDHEAD
228.255.4144 | 16840 KapaLama Road | Diamondhead, MS
*Boarding Available * Walk-ins & drop offs welcomed. Appointments recommended*

MEET JOE!
This adorable guy says, "pardon the smudge on my right eye - I come by it naturally". There is quite a lot of character in this face! Gosh, we love the spots in Joe's ears and the pink splotches on his mouth & chin. How adorable is this guy? He is silky soft, which most people find quite surprising, as we did at first. Cuddling with Joe is very soothing and relaxing, and anyone looking for a cuddle buddy will hit the jackpot with this affectionate boy. What an absolute cutie-pie! Joe is a rather smart fella, as he responds to the "sit" command and will ever so slyly work his body down to your hands for a butt rub. You might not think a Bulldog/Staffordshire Terrier mix would have a soft coat, but Joe's fur is super silky soft. Think about cuddling with this sweet boy on chilly nights - no need for a blanket - you have all the softness and warmth right by your side. Joe is friendly and playful with other dogs at the shelter, but we always recommend that potential adopters bring their dog(s) and children along for a visit to ensure compatibility. Our visiting hours are: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-3:30pm, or you may call our front desk at 228-466-4516 to schedule an appointment. Come on by and meet Joe, and you will fall in love.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

ORDER FOR AN ELECTION • ORDER NO. 2023-001

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 23-15-854, on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi, for the purpose of electing a City Councilmember to fill the Ward 4 vacancy resulting from the resignation of a duly elected member of the City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi. December 30, 2023 is the deadline to register to vote in the Special Election; City Hall will be open on Saturday, December 30th from 8 a.m. until noon for voter registration. Mail-in registration form is available on the elections page at www.diamondhead.ms.gov or www.sos.ms.gov.

The nonpartisan Special Election will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Diamondhead Community Center located at 5300 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead. The last day for interested candidates to qualify is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. Candidate information packets are available at City Hall Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or by visiting the Mississippi Secretary of State Election Division website www.sos.ms.gov.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast therein, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for a run-off election to be held three (3) weeks, thereafter.

So, ORDERED AND DIRECTED by the City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi on this the 19th day of December, 2023.

JEANNIE KLEIN | CITY CLERK

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Casey Lipe on saxophone, Regan Taylor on bass, Lee Seal on percussions and Gene Moran on drums.

For just \$25, you could taste gumbo from some of the best chefs and gumbo cooks the country has to offer, while supporting a historical landmark with cool programming that elevates our community all while listening to some fabulous live music. Rock ‘N’ Roux teams are comprised of local, regional and nationwide businesses and organizations. The event is a great way to enjoy some of the finest

gumbo while connecting with friends in the community - all for a great cause!

Rock ‘N’ Roux tickets can be purchased through the 100MenHall.com or they can be purchased at the entrance. Drinks will be for sale at a cash/credit bar, along with a 50/50 raffle, and awards will be given out.

Schedule:
11:30 am DJ Doug Funnie (zydeco set – ½ hour)
Noon Serving to the Public Begins
12:30-2 Tyron Benoit and Band on Tin Shed porch
2-2:30 Awards
2:30-4 The Monsters
At Large on Tin Shed porch

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chosen by the Sea Coast Echo’s readers, both by the number of “likes” they received on social media and the number of post impressions they earned on our website, www.seacoastecho.com.

10. In June 2023, we shared the story of Bay St. Louis-native Pat Murphy publishing his new book, “Growing Up Downtown Bay St. Louis: A Memoir of Small Town Mississippi Life 1950 - 1970.”

The story got more than 100 likes on social media and reflected 11,001 post impressions.

“The book has been something that has been developing for a number of years,” Murphy said. Murphy said it actually started long before 2005’s Hurricane Katrina.

“It started as, more or less, a tribute to my grandfather, George Stevenson, and he was a businessman in downtown Bay St. Louis from 1933,” he said.

However, Murphy said, his book “developed into a lot more.”

9. In March, we reported on the Hancock County Community Development Foundation honoring the late Ellis C. Cuevas, long-time publisher of The Sea Coast Echo, with a Heritage Star on the sidewalk in Old Town Bay St. Louis. The story earned 201 likes on social media and 17,720 post impressions.

The HCCDF honored several other people with Heritage Stars during 2023, including the late Jerry Dixon, the late Tony Trapani and, most recently, the two Bay St. Louis policemen who lost their lives in the line of duty — Sgt. Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe.

8. In October, we

shared “From Pearlington Farm to New Orleans Table .. and Back,” which drew 159 likes on Facebook and 45,983 post impressions.

Chef Ernest Foundas, founder and executive chef of Suis Generis restaurant in New Orleans and the Tiki Farm & Food Lab in Pearlington started offering tours and curated tasting dinners at the farm/food lab.

Foundas hosts ticketed events and private chef curated dinners, cooking classes and farm tours at the Pearlington location.

“Our goal is basically to show people the benefits of zero-waste cooking,” he said. “Food costs are so high these days that it really is a benefit. ... We’re (also) hoping to spread the word on how to use all aspects of the ingredients. It works well because we’ve got the gardens there and we can show people how it works. We basically give them a farm tour and can explain to them and show them the interesting things that can be grown.”

Events are not inclusive of beverages, but an array of interesting and unusual selections will be available for purchase. Tickets for each event range from \$100-\$125 and can be purchased at www.tikifoodlab.com/book-online.

7. In August, we shared the story of the city of Waveland being recognized for the second year in a row by the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Awards. The story earned 220 likes and 19,611 post impressions.

There are 55 affiliates with Keep Mississippi Beautiful, KWB member Jim Meggett said. In April 2022, Meggett was awarded the Ron Aldridge Volunteer of the Year award, which honors “a superior volunteer who dedicates time and energy to further the

KWB mission.”

At the April 27, 2023 KMB awards program, Willie Moody, who serves as Waveland’s Parks and Recreation director, was awarded the Local Government Award.

6. In November, we shared the story of Starfish Cafe in Bay St. Louis, which is thriving in its new location on Hwy. 603.

The story earned 299 likes and 47,114 post impressions.

Starfish Cafe was born on Main Street in June 2013 and operated as an experiential restaurant learning program for students ages 18-30.

The Main Street location closed when COVID-19 hit in 2020, Executive Director, Zac Fillhart said.

“When they put out the reopening guidelines, with the building that we had down there, we were only going to be able to have three tables and meet their requirements for the six-feet distancing,” he said. “We met with our accountant and we met with the board and the decision was made to move because nobody knew when things were going to be back to normal.”

Di Fillhart, director of program development, said they started looking around for a building that was formerly a restaurant.

In the fall of 2023, Starfish added a trades training program to its curriculum.

“We do plumbing, electrical, construction/general carpentry, and then I have plans to do HVAC as well once I can find an instructor for it,” Zac said. “The instructors we have are professionals who are currently working in the field, so they’re up to date with all the new stuff that’s going on. We’ve kind of shifted our focus into doing a lot of workforce

Pedestrian killed on Hwy. 607 less than an hour into the new year

ECHO STAFF

The first recorded traffic fatality of 2024 in Hancock County happened little more than 30 minutes into the New Year, according to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

At approximately 12:31 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, the MHP responded to a fatal crash on Hwy. 607, in which a vehicle hit a pedestrian.

MHP officials said that a 2018 Chevy Tahoe driven by Teuta Karaliu, a 38-year-old Slidell-resident, was traveling south on Hwy. 607 when it collided with a person walking in the middle of the road.

“The decedent is Christopher Gray, 34 years

of age, of Picayune,” Hancock County Coroner Jeff Hair said Tuesday.

No charges were filed against the driver, “as far as I know,” Hair said. From the investigation, it appears Gray “was in the center of the highway when he was struck by the vehicle.”

Hair said Gray was “identified utilizing mobile biometrics technology. It’s basically a mobile fingerprint scanner. The technology came courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety Office of Homeland Security. That was a very valuable resource.”

The Mississippi Highway Patrol is still investigating the incident.

development. We’ve always done the culinary and hospitality thing, because it’s a huge industry on the coast, and the trades are just kind of dying as far as getting people to work in them.”

Interested parties can sign up for the trades program at www.starfishcafebsl.com.

They also opened the Mary Kay Deen Education Center, which is a community education room to honor the Starfish Cafe’s first Mississippi board member.

“The space is open to anyone who would like to share their wisdom and their talents to people in the community that are interested,” Di said. “So, whether it’s financial literacy, whether it’s meditation, whether it’s yoga, it doesn’t really matter. It’s just giving a platform so people can give back into the community what they have.”

5. In September, we shared the story of the Bay St. Louis Police Department welcoming its newest team member, Max. The story earned 332 likes and 38,492 post impressions.

Max, Dunbar Village’s beloved four-legged companion, has “traded in his stethoscope for a badge,” Heather Landry of Dunbar Village said.

For the past six years, Max — a Newfoundland mix — has been in essence, the “protector” of his village of elders, Landry said.

Dunbar Village adopted Max from the animal shelter when he was about two years old, she said.

“We want Max to continue his purpose for service and that’s why we chose the Bay St. Louis Police Department,” Dunbar Village Executive Director Amy Ivey said. “As hard as it was to say goodbye to him, this gives him more purpose.”

Bay St. Louis Police

Chief Toby Schwartz said the department is “ecstatic” about having Max onboard as an “official team member of the Bay PD.”

During the day, Max works alongside officers, whether it be at community events or utilizing his presence to calm someone who might be nervous during an interview, Schwartz said. Detective Sgt. Dustin Weir of the Bay PD’s criminal investigations division expressed an interest in having Max participate in interviews, Schwartz said.

4. In August, we shared the story of a Bay St. Louis-native who opened a new bakery in Old Town. The story earned 588 likes on Facebook and 53,971 post impressions.

“This is home,” Brooke Rester, who owns and operates Dolce Bakeshop with her husband Bill, said of her decision to open a second location in downtown Bay St. Louis. “This is where I always wanted to be,” she said.

3. In December, we shared the story of two Centenarians — Verna Margaret McCathen-Preston and Troy Rutledge. Mrs. McCathen-Preston’s story earned more than 2,600 likes and 96,938 post impressions; Mr. Rutledge’s, 446 likes and 24,922 post impressions.

We also shared the story of Bill Roofner, a 97-year-old World War II Veteran who lives in Diamondhead and still actively golfs. His story earned 731 likes and 40,057 post impressions.

2. Hancock County-native Jerry West is one of the most active people in our community, and every time we update the public on his activities, Jerry earns hundreds of likes and thousands of post impressions. In November

2023, we reported on Jerry bringing home a gold medal for winning first place in the horseshoes competition during the Special Olympics Fall Games. The post received more than 1,200 likes and more than 40,481 post impressions. In September, we posted about Jerry catching a redfish while on vacation in Gulf Breeze, Fla. — the post received 590 likes and 19,759 post impressions. In June, we posted about Jerry volunteering to man the parking lot at Our Lady of the Gulf Church during “Jeepin’ the Coast.” That post earned 370 likes and 28,556 post impressions. In May, we posted about Jerry earning first place in the golf competition during the spring Special Olympics. That post earned more than 1,000 likes and 57,803 post impressions. People love Jerry West.

1. In November, we shared “Meet the Mississippi Kween: Bay resident is a social media superstar.”

In a relatively short amount of time, Bay St. Louis entrepreneur and mom of four Caroline Davis has become an internationally-known social media influencer, cookbook author and domestic goddess with more than 1.6 million followers on TikTok who wait ravenously for her every post as the Mississippi Kween.

Her story earned 844 likes on Facebook and 175,317 post impressions.

She has parlayed that fame into helping people in Hancock County, which you can read more about in a separate story in today’s Echo.

The Mississippi Kween’s mission carries on, and you can check her out on TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or at her website, www.mississippikween.com.

• WRITERS

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Shakespeare: A Memoir of Madness, Murder, and My Search for the Poet Beneath the Paint), and New Orleanian Elizabeth Miki Brina (Speak, Okinawa). ADULT FICTION PANEL – New Orleans Authors, Katy Simpson Smith (The Weeds; and, The Everlasting), and Ladee Hubbard (The Last Suspicious Holdout; and, The Rib King); plus Washington, DC’s, Jeffrey Blount (new release,

Mr. Jimmy From Around The Way). SHORT STORIES & ESSAYS PANEL – Oxford’s Mary Miller (Biloxi; and Always Happy Hour); from New Orleans, Jami Attenberg (1000 Words; and, The Middlesteins). NON-FICTION PANEL – from Tulane University, Rien Fertel (Brown Pelican); and, Tulane’s Nathaniel Rich (Losing Earth; and, Dark Waters); and New Orleanian riverfront dweller, Macon Fry (They Called Us River Rats).

A special panel entitled, TRUTH TELLERS will feature Jackson,

Mississippi journalist and author Ellen Ann Fentress whose 2023 release, The Steps We Take: A Memoir of Southern Reckoning has set the southern literary world on fire and launched “the Admissions Project,” an Internet site that provides for contributions of private school experiences by former students during the period following desegregation of public schools in the south. Dan Gutstein’s Poor Gal (a December 2023 release) tells of the history of the classic folksong, Li’l Liza Jane. Gutstein

is also producing a documentary film of the same subject. Another panelist, Mississippi’s Johnnie Bernhard whose book Hannah and Ariela exposes the plight and flight of immigrants, and the issue human trafficking rounds out the panel.

A panel entitled, “THE ART OF THE COOKBOOK” will feature several James Beard award-winners. Chefs Martha Foose (Hattiesburg; book, Screen Doors and Sweet Tea), Oxford’s Vishwesh Bhatt (Snackbar restaurant, part of the City Grocery Restaurant Group; and, book, I Am

From Here); and, Ernest Foundas (New Orleans restaurant, Suis Generis) whose book Suis Generis: Food Evolution is due to be published early in 2025.

Moderators for the event include Ellis Anderson, French Quarter Journal and former publisher of The Shoofly magazine; Lisa McMurtry, editor, University Press of Mississippi; Tracy Carr, Mississippi Library Commission; Bill Lavender, New Orleans Poetry Festival, and Carol Pucket Palmer, MPB radio.

Young adult readers

and writers will be able to experience three sessions on writing, creative writing, and screenplays. Sessions will be directed by Perry Guy, Jason Stuart, Vickie Feazelle, and Oreathia Smith.

For more details about the authors, their books, any of the HOME-GROWN activities and programs to be presented, and to register to attend the January 27, 2024 event, check online at: <https://hcls.info/homegrown>. Questions can also be directed to: kcole@hancock.lib.ms.us

sports

THE SEA COAST ECHO



REBELS REMAIN UNDEFEATED WITH 89-72 VICTORY OVER SOUTHERN MISS IN BILOXI

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Ole Miss Rebels remained undefeated with an impressive 89-72 victory over the Southern Miss Golden Eagles on Saturday at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The Rebels are one of just three undefeated teams (Houston and James Madison) left in college basketball with a 12-0 record following their win over Southern Miss.

The #25-Rebels, ranked in the top 25 for the first time since 2019, jumped out front from the tipoff as USM never led in the contest.

Ole Miss hit their first four three-pointers and eight of their first 10 shots as they jumped out to 47-30 lead at intermission and ended up leading by as many as 21 in the second half before the final tally.

USM head coach, and former Saint Stanislaus head coach, Jay Ladner commented, "Give credit to Coach Chris Beard and the Ole Miss Rebels for a great game today. I appreciate Coach Beard helping to restart this rivalry. It was a good game, tremendous crowd, and a beautiful

day. The Rebels shot the ball extremely well, especially early. We were not able to get a stop early while they were able to make play after play. We want to be prepared for conference play when it begins, and we scheduled up with Ole Miss today. This can be an incredible lesson for us if we can learn from it as we begin conference play soon. We will continue to be a work in progress so that we can be ready to play our best basketball in February in Pensacola."

Ladner recalled his many years on the Coast prior to taking the USM job, "Matt McDonnell and his crew here at the Coliseum did a tremendous job with the event today. Many years ago, we started Hoops Fest to help give a boost to Coast basketball and it is still going on today. It was so great to see so many people that I have not seen in a while come out and support this game today. I spent 20 wonderful years at Saint Stanislaus. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart and the community were so integral to my growth as a young coach and helping build our program.

I always enjoy coming back home to visit with everyone. I hope this is an event that we can continue every year."

Cobie Montgomery came off the bench to pace Southern Miss with 15 points. Victor Hart added a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds followed by Victor Iwuakor and Andre Curbelo with 13 points each.

Ole Miss head coach Chris Beard stated, "I would like to commend USM head coach Jay Ladner and the Southern Miss team for a tremendous game today. When we got the job, this was the first game that we wanted to schedule. I have the utmost respect for Jay Ladner and his team. Also, I want to thank Matt McDonnell and his staff here at the Coliseum for a first-class event. They did an outstanding job in making sure that the event went off without a hitch. This is an outstanding venue and I remember it from my time spent here as a child as my father was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base for a time. Today was a tough game. We had some success early, but USM out-

played us in the second half. Jay Ladner had his team prepared for us today. We are continuing to grow as a program, and we need to continue growing as we begin

the spring to say we are a good team. That stretch begins 88 days from now. We have to continue to get better to get to that point."

Ole Miss was led by

Brakefield had 15 points and 7 rebounds while Allen Flanagan added 10 points and 11 rebounds.

USM opens conference play at Georgia Southern on December 30 and Ole



PHOTO BY ROBIN GEX

USM head coach and former Saint Stanislaus coach Jay Ladner with his Southern Miss team during a timeout on Saturday. Ladner's son Luke (#4), a 2019 SSC grad, is standing behind him. USM fell to #25 Ole Miss 89-72.

conference play soon. We are not concerned with being a Top 25 team right now. We want to win six games on three consecutive weekends in

Matthew Murrell with 26 points with four three-pointers followed by Jaylen Murray with 21 points with five three-pointers. Jaemyn

Miss hosts Bryant University on December 31.



AREA HARDWOOD TEAMS COLLECTED WINS OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

Despite the schools being on break for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the hardwood teams were in action in holiday tournaments across the area.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Tigers hosted their annual

Christmas Tournament December 28-29. The Tigers split a pair of games in the tournament falling to Long Beach 59-35 on Thursday and beating Gautier in double-overtime 49-48 on Friday.

In the Long Beach game, the Bearcats led the entire way jumping out a 17-4 lead in the first and pushing it to 23-15 at halftime. Anthony Robinson scored 15 points

and Noah Smith added 13 in the loss. Wayne Ulrich led Long Beach with 22 and Andrew Windham had 20 points.

The Tigers (4-13, 1-0) fell behind 13-0 against Gautier in the first period and were down 25-13 at the break. In the second half the Tigers rallied, and Robinson sank a three-pointer at the buzzer falling off-balance to tie the game and force an

extra frame.

After the first overtime period, the two squads were knotted at 42-42. Robinson fouled out with just over three minutes left in the second overtime, but the Tigers stepped up their game in the final minutes to grab the win.

Jaylen Antoine had 9 points followed by Cameron Garcia with 8 points, including two

huge three-pointers in the extra frames. Jayden Allen also added 8 points. Gautier was led by Dominic Bang with 10 points and Tremarre Battiste with 9 points.

In other action for the boys' teams in the tournament, Petal beat Gautier 60-37, Wayne County topped St. Patrick 64-51, Petal beat St. Patrick 59-51, and Wayne County

beat Long Beach 56-28.

The Lady Tigers picked up two wins in the tournament beating Gautier 35-6 on Thursday and Petal 46-33 on Friday.

The game against Gautier was called with about five minutes to play due to a medical emergency in the stands. Bay High

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 1-4-24

- **Basketball:** Hancock vs Biloxi, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 1-5-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High vs Greene County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA at North Forrest, 5:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs West Harrison, 7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High vs St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Hancock at Long Beach, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs Perry Central, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 1-6-24

- **Basketball:** Hancock (girls) at Tangle on the Trail (Pontotoc), 1:45 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Hancock (boys) at Clas of Clashes (Pascagoula), TBD.

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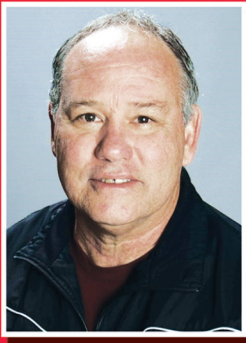
- **Soccer:** Bay High at I10/I20 Tournament (Gulfport), TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs Mandeville (LA), 11 a.m.

TUESDAY 1-9-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High at Saint Stanislaus, 7 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Hancock at Long Beach, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Bowling:** Hancock at Park Ten Lanes (Diamondhead), 3 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High vs Pass Christian, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High at OLA, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 1-10-24

- **Soccer:** Bay High vs D'Iberville, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.



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(13-5, 1-0) had a commanding 20-6 lead at the intermission and Gautier did not score in the second half.

Nakeria Coleman scored 14 points to lead Bay High and Kiara Burney added 8 points.

On Friday, the Lady Tigers beat Petal 46-33. Burney paced the Lady Tigers with 18 points followed by Coleman with 10 points.

Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson stated, “We were very pleased with the tournament and how every-

thing was handled. We had some very competitive games during the two days of action and the teams enjoyed themselves. Our coaching staff, volunteers, and administration did an outstanding job with everything that went on behind the scenes so that this tournament went off without a hitch. For our boys in the tournament, we came out flat against both teams. We are still trying to figure it out. But I was proud of their effort against Gautier after getting down early and then losing Anthony Robinson in overtime. Our girls played two good games over the tournament. They dealt with what was thrown at

them in the games and responded well. We have to continue to trust the process and focus on using every opportunity to get better.”

In other girls’ basketball action in the tournament, Pass Christian beat Petal 48-42 and St. Patrick 56-49.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Hawks and Lady Hawks traveled to Biloxi to compete in the Biloxi Christmas Tournament on December 28-29.

The Hawks beat Holy Spirit Catholic High School 72-36 behind Mike Washington’s 19 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists on Thursday.

On Friday, Hancock beat Greene County 60-34 as Washington added 10 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 steals.

The Hawks are 8-9 overall and 1-2 in division play.

The Lady Hawks beat Wayne County 59-44 and Booker T. Washington 34-31 as Riley Bishop averaged 12 points and 5 rebounds in the two wins.

The Lady Hawks remain undefeated at 15-0 overall and 3-0 in division play.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents did not play any games over the

holiday break. They are 1-11 overall and 0-1 in division play when they resume their schedule this week.

Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws

The Rocks got back on the winning track with a 64-39 decision over Sacred Heart Catholic High School from Hattiesburg.

SSC jumped out to a 34-22 lead at halftime and cruised to the win in the second half. Spencer Cornell led SSC with 15 points followed by Henry Williams with 11 points.

SSC head coach Daniel Grieves commented, “We took a lot of what

we learned in the tournament in New Orleans to heart. They play physical basketball in New Orleans and we brought some of that back with us today. I was proud to see the players learn from their time in New Orleans as it opened out eyes to what we are capable of doing. Our football guys are finally getting into basketball shape and that is helping to make our bench a great deal deeper.”

The Rocks are now 10-8 overall and 2-0 in division play.

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LAST and FIRST

BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We had some fantastic weather the last day of 2023. We also had picture perfect weather the morning of New Years Day. We were lucky enough to fish both of them.

New Year’s Eve was with two familiar faces.

Bill aka “Bull” York and Todd Torguson usually come fishing around the last couple days of the year. Well, we made it on the very last day of 2023. The seas were calm and I wanted to try some different areas. We usually always go after redfish, but we changed things up this go round. The boys didn’t know what

to think when I brought them to a reef absolutely loaded with giant sheepsheads. These were drag screaming fish. I actually had to stop them from catching fish, so we could leave room in the fish box for the next stop.

It was a bit of a run, but it was worth it, and the speckled trout were waiting on us. We spent

the rest of the trip sling- ing beautiful trout over the side of the boat. It was a great way to end 2023.

New Years Day was even better. The weather was just as beautiful, and even warmer. I was thrilled to have my wife join me for a morning trip. Beginning a new year with my best fishing

partner was a great way to start it. We stayed near shore and opted to chase redfish. Luckily the shrimp were still around the shorelines near Lake Borgne. All the redfish we caught were all chubby and very full of shrimp. Mrs Stephanie was very lucky. She somehow managed to catch all of our big reds.

I couldn’t get through the smaller ones, but the reds were biting nearly every cast. We caught many, kept a few to eat, then tagged and released plenty. It was an amazing day and hopefully a sign of great things to come this year.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun filled 2024.



PHOTOS BY SONNY SCHINDLER

- **Stephanie and Sonny Schindler enjoying more New Years’ Day Redfish**
- **Todd and Bill with 2 big New Years Eve sheepshead**
- **Stephanie Schindler with 2 of her many New Years’ Day redfish**
- **Sonny and Stephanie Schindler enjoying some great redfishing on New Years Day**

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



MIKE WASHINGTON
HANCOCK

BASKETBALL
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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RILEY BISHOP
HANCOCK

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's **Riley Bishop**. Last week, Bishop averaged 12 points and 5 rebounds in a 59-44 victory over Wayne County and a 34-31 win against Booker T. Washington in the Biloxi Christmas Tournament.



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JANUARY 12

• Holy Trinity Catholic School is hosting a Blue Mass at 1:15 p.m. All local law enforcement, fire fighters, and paramedics are welcome to attend a special mass with a brief reception to follow in the HTCS cafeteria.

JANUARY 15

• Food Drive for Hancock County Food Pantry on “Day of Service” for Dr. Martin Luther King holiday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Democrats office in Froogel’s shopping center, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Sponsored by Hancock County Federation of Democratic Women. Non-perishable food / supplies only.

JANUARY 19

• The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will open its latest production “That Championship Season.” The show is a reprisal and making a return on the BSLLT stage because of community requests. The play is written by Ja-

son Miller, who is best known as the young priest in the movie “The Exorcist.” The story is about the annual custom of five men-a high school basketball coach, now retired, and four team members that he led to the state championship forty years earlier-meet for a reunion on the anniversary of the championship victory. None of the men’s lives have turned out as they had hoped, and all still look to their coach for guidance. The play is recommended for mature audiences. Adults topics are contained in the play. The cast includes Chris Flynn, Paul Bernard, Willard Walker, Jan Vest, and Miguel Davalos. The play is directed by Cheryl Grace with assistant director Clayton Pennylegion. The production crew includes Allison Hess and James Perkin. The show dates and times are January 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. on January 21 and 28. Theatre doors open one hour before the show and seating starts 30 minutes be-

fore the show. The theatre is open seating. All attendees should make reservations. Please let the theatre know if handicap accommodations are required. Reservations can be made online at www.bsltl.org or by calling 228-467-9024.

• Musicians from as far away as Europe and as close as New Orleans will bring Across the Pond Guitar Festival to 100 Men Hall at 7 p.m. The concert at 100 Men Hall features guitar virtuosi Gavin Loche (Italy), Adrian Raso (Canada), Jimmy Robinson (New Orleans) accompanied by many New Orleans’ great guitarists. Food for purchase by Chef Joe from Beachside as well as a cash/credit bar. Tickets are \$15 and available at <https://the100men-hall.com>.

JANUARY 20

• The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will open its latest production “That Championship Season.” The show is a reprisal and making a return on the BSLLT stage

because of community requests. The play is written by Jason Miller, who is best known as the young priest in the movie “The Exorcist.” The story is about the annual custom of five men-a high school basketball coach, now retired, and four team members that he led to the state championship forty years earlier-meet for a reunion on the anniversary of the championship victory. None of the men’s lives have turned out as they had hoped, and all still look to their coach for guidance. The play is recommended for mature audiences Adults topics are contained in the play. The cast includes Chris Flynn, Paul Bernard, Willard Walker, Jan Vest, and Miguel Davalos. The play is directed by Cheryl Grace with assistant director Clayton Pennylegion. The production crew includes Allison Hess and James Perkin. The show dates and times are January 20, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are 2 p.m. on January 21 and 28. Theatre doors open one hour before the show and seating starts 30 minutes before the show. The theatre is open seating. All attendees should make reservations. Please let the theatre know if handicap accommodations are required. Reservations can be made online at www.bsltl.org or by calling 228-467-

9024.

JANUARY 26

• Bingo event benefiting the Hancock County Family Treatment Court. The American Legion Post 77, located at 502 Waveland Ave., Waveland, has graciously agreed to donate the proceeds from the bingo night, Friday, Jan. 26 to the Hancock County Family Treatment Court. Each game will offer a cash prize. So please spread the word and come out and support the American Legion and Hancock County Family Treatment Court. Bingo times: Doors open at 5 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30 p.m. Warm up games at 7 p.m. Regular games at 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 27

• **ARRRGH!** Don’t miss the annual “Mutiny in the Bay” pirate party being held at the BSL Community Center from 7 to 11 p.m. Meet the new 2024 Captain Longbeard, Lady Claiborne and Honor Guard. There will be dancing, pirate merriment, buffet, and cash bar. The party is an adult community event. For tickets, visit www.mkotsh.com, \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door.

FEBRUARY 3

• Theatre in the Pass presents A Night on

Broadway. One night only limited seating. Tickets on sale now at www.theatreinthepassms.org. \$30 general admission. 6 p.m. at the Randolph Center, 315 Clark Ave., Pass Christian. Dress: Coast casual. For more, info@theatreinthepassms.org.

MARCH 16

• The Waveland Civic Association’s 60th annual St. Patrick’s Day parade begins at 1 p.m. Parade will line up at Whispering Pines, go down the beach to Nicholson Avenue, up Nicholson onto Central, Central to Coleman, Coleman to the beach, beach to Waveland Avenue where the parade will end at Elwood Bourgeois Park. Jeeps, golf carts, floats, marching groups are welcome. Pricing and registration at wavelandcivicassociation.com.

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